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Twenty Three Short Days Will Decide Winner Of Auto

As still another perseverance reward to contestants in the Independent automobile contest, the contest manager announces that there will be another extra vote offer to those turning in special amounts in subscriptions for the next two weeks, beginning Monday, Dec. 13, and ending on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24th at 10 p. m. Following is the scale of subscriptions:

$25.00 worth of subscriptions—100,000 extra votes.
$50.00 worth of subscriptions—200,000 extra votes.
$75.00 worth of subscriptions—325,000 extra votes.
$100.00 worth of subscriptions—450,000 extra votes.
$125.00 worth of subscriptions—575,000 extra votes.
$150.00 worth of subscriptions—725,000 extra votes.
$175.00 worth of subscriptions—850,000 extra votes.
$200.00 worth of subscriptions—975,000 extra votes.

Saturday night, Jan. 8, 1915!

That is the magic day and hour and at that time the Great Automobile Contest of the Daily Independent will close, bringing to an end the greatest newspaper campaign that has yet stirred Monessen and vicinity. Twenty-four days, 552 hours, yes, it can almost be counted into minutes and the candidates? Enthused to a point bordering on frenzy, arousned to the unprecedented opportunities that confront them, striving by dint of hard, earnest effort to rise, working with every ounce of strength at their command to increase their reserve vote—that is the vivid picture that today spreads over Monessen.

Everywhere candidates are swarming in in eager and anxious quest for subscriptions that will bring them the big votes, and every hour that passes instills new energy into them. This campaign has invoked an intense interest, not only because of the many popular young men and women who are entered, but also because of the golden prizes in store for the real workers. The few days remaining before the call of "time" are being used to immense advantage by those who are determined to win, and of these there are many.

Their own pride and self satisfaction is proving energetic enough to win over the field, and the desire to qualify the confidence and loyal support of their friends is leading them forward, with never a glance behind, to the cherished goal.

These workers pay no attention to frequent rumors that are circulated with the hope of damaging effect. Misleading stories have but one object—to influence some candidate to retire for fear of passing someone else in the race. Such tales have no foundation whatever. It is obvious that no one can determine the ultimate result of this campaign. Every

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Luna Theatre Will Be Opened Monday

Moving picture patrons will welcome the announcement that the Luna theatre will reopen Monday under new management with a big program of special features and comedies. This popular little theatre has undergone numerous changes and improvements. including the installation of new machines of the latest type and a new screen. Both the exterior and interior have been greatly remodeled and the playhouse presents a pleasing appearance.

The new management will book feature films of the Association program, including the famous Vitagraph, Essanay and Chaplin pictures and will also open Monday with the opening chapter of that famous serial "The Goddess.'

"The Goddess" was begun here some time ago but owing to the closing of the theatre was never completed, and in order that all may be given an opportunity to see this wonderful serial the management will start with the opening chapter Monday. A good orchestra will furnish music for the opening Monday and the public is invited to visit this theatre, which now complies with all the city and state fire regulations.

AUCTION SALE OF HIGH GRADE JEWELRY EVERY EVENING THIS WEEK AT MOYER'S. PRIVATE SALE DURING THE DAY. 55-tf

NEW GYPSY BOOTS FOR WOMEN AT $2.85, $3.50 and $4.00.—GARMAN BROS. SHOE STORE. 45-tf

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Monessen Defeats Monongahela Team

The local representatives in the Monongahela Valley basket ball league added the second victory of the season to their credit last evening on the Lyceum floor when they defeated the fast Company A team of Monongahela, by a score of 34 to 22. The local's lineup included McDowell, Donovan, Quinan, McMahan, Camubell and Laird, all local boys, and their team work was the principal feature of the game. Time and again their passing would bewilder the visitors and after carrying the ball down the floor, one of the forwards would be found stationed under the basket ready to shoot the goal.

McDowell was exceptionally good on difficult shots last evening and his foul shooting added greatly towards securing a victory for the locals. The boys seem to have found their pace and it will take the best in the league to beat them out for the pennant if they can continue their present pace. New men are trying out for the team and it is possible that the High school gymnasium may be secured for the home games in the future.

Get Entire Paper Sixteen Pages Today

This issue of the Daily Independent contains sixteen pages. The paper is in two sections. If you don't get the whole paper, it is the fault of the carrier, as every copy that leaves the office will contain both sections.

We urge upon our redaers to carefully peruse every page. Read the advertisements and the special Christmas features herein provided. The paper is all printed at home. The tpye was set in the Independent office and every advertisement passed through our own advertising department. The paper is a home product, it carries to you the advertisements of home merchants and we ask all people who love home better than any place on earth to buy as many of your articles at home as possible. Surely there can be no harm done in urging home people to be loyal to their home town.

Boy Scouts Visit Homefinder Car

The Boy Scouts of Monessen were entertained Tuesday evening at the "Homefinder" car on the siding at the freight station. It was by a specia invitation that they visited this famous car and were entertained by the men in whose charge the car has been entrusted to travel the country. and talk to the people about the advantages of Oklahoma. The time was pleasantly and profitably spent and some knowledge worth while was imparted to the boys.

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COME IN NOW AND GET YOUR CHOICE OF THE LARGEST SELECTION OF XMAS PRESENTS IN THE VALLEY AND AT THE LOWEST PRICES.—BROWN'S. THE HALLMARK STORE. 56-tf

COUPON
Clip this coupon and present it at the MONESSEN STUDIO
442 Donner Ave.
and receive 50 per cent. reduction on your holiday photography.

Fire Alarm System Was Turned Down

The proposition of the fire committee of council to install a Gamewell fire alarm system was defeated at a meeting last night called for the purpose of taking action on this issue alone. All members of council were present except A. Johnson, and the committee composed of Kruell, Cooper and Knight brought in a favorable report.

The issue was discussed pro and con and every detail was thoroughly gone over in a manner to best conserve the interests of the town, and the five other members, namely Bumer, Hood, Milhollan, Hunter and Dale refused to sustain the recommendations of the committee and the issue was defeated.

It was pointed out that the system would cost the town about $8,000 and that it would be necessary to add additional expense of maintenance and that with a Volunteer Fire department the town would not and could not reap the benefits that are supposed to be derived from such a complete and expensive system. The members who objected to the report of the committee, brought out the fact that such a system would be out of place unless there is a paid fire department stationed so that the alarms can be answered.

With a Volunteer department it would be necessary to have additional telephone service for the firemen should such a system be installed. All together it was reasoned out by the majority of the members that owing to the financial conditions of the town and realizing that the benefits derived would not be sufficient to warrant the outlay, the ballot was cast unfavorably.

—ARRIVED—Big line of imported Christmas tree ornaments. The largest selection in the valley. Monessen 5, 10c and 25c store. 56-tf

STAR THEATRE
The Home of Paramount and Fox Plays. The best entertainment in town.
TODAY—"The Fifth Commandment"
FRIDAY—"Bottles Baby" and "The Man on the Case." Two Paramount Comedies.
SATURDAY—Margarette Fisher in "The Miracle of Life." A Mutual masterpicture.
COMING MONDAY— Valeska Swiatte in "The Soul of Broadway." a Fox.

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Local Couple Were Married Last Night

Miss Bertha Wells and Mr. Elmer L. Hogg were united in the holy bonds of marriage last night at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Wells, 47 Reed avenue. About fifty guests, including relatives and friends and neighbors assembled to witness the ceremony, which was performed by Rev. H. O. MacDonald, pastor of the local Presbyterian church.

The ring ceremony was used, Miss Beatrice Wells, a sister of the bride, bearing the ring. The bride was presented by the father and Miss Helen Wells acted as bridesmaid and Mr. Conway Hogg, a brother of the groom was best man.

The home was artistically decorated in colors of pink and white. After the marriage ceremony had been performed and showers of congratulations extended to the happy couple, a four course wedding dinner was served. after which a social time was spent with music and a diversified program.

Mr. and Mrs. Hogg start life amid brilliant prospects and surrounded by a great army of friends who will ever wish them a blissful and proseprous career. They started housekeeping at once at 47 Reed avenue. Miss Wells was for several years exchange operator at the Page mill at which industry Mr. Hogg at present holds a responsible position. He has also been identified with local athletics, having been pitcher for the Page baseball and other teams. Both are well known and well liked young people.

Vacations For All

The executives of the Western Union Telegraph company have announced to all their employes, including messenger boys, that after January 1st, 1916, two weeks vacation each year with pay will be granted to all those who have been continuously in the service of the company for two years or more, and those who have been continuously in the service for more than one year and less than two years will receive a vacation of one week with full pay.

This innovation on the part of a Telegraph company, in which messengers are included for vacations with pay, is unprecedented and will result in an increased expenditure of many thousands of dollars. There are 75,000 persons in the employ of the Telegraph company.

Victrolas and Victor Records

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Colored Man Pleads Guilty Of Shooting Blacksmith

When Seleemus, alias "Curley" Robinson, was arraigned for trial before Squire Shuster this morning charged with felonious shooting and assault with intent to kill and asked to make a plea, he replied: 'I did the shooting." Without further testimony Robinson was held without bail to await the outcome of the injuries of his victim and the actions of the grand jury.

Robinson is the man who shot and mortally wounded Sam Radin, the Schoonmaker avenue blacksmith yesterday afternoon and made an attempt to escape. He fired four shots in the blacksmith shop door, two of which took effect, one bullet passing through the neck of the victim close to the jugular vein. Radin's condition today is hopeful, but he is far from being out of danger.

When asked to tell his story this morning after sentence had been pronounced upon him, Robinson said that yesterday morning he was sent to Radin's shop to get the Ginsberg team, but that he was refused the animals by the owner of the shop. He said words passed between he and Radin, and Radin ejected him from the shop. He said he went to a saloon and got a drink of whiskey, returned to the stable, and was told by the head driver to get the team. Still the blacksmith, he said, refused to give up the team until they were shod. Words were again exchanged and Robinson stepped out of the shop, turned about and fired at Radin. He claimed he got the gun at the stable when he returned the first time and that he meant to frighten Radin.

After the shooting he left his victim lying on the floor in a pool of blood in a semi-conscious condition and fled down the street. The tragedy was reported to the police and Chief Wheatley and Officer Fred Menefee started in pursuit. As the man was seen to turn into an alley Officer Menefee commanded him to stop, which he did. He surrendered and was removed to the police station. When confronted with the statement today that he told the officers that he had shot the man and that he wished he had killed him, he made a flat denial, but when confronted by the officer he said "Well I must have been drunk."

Constable Smith made the information and had charge of the prisoner. He will be taken to Greensburg today and lodged in jail.

High School Will Play Tomorrow

The opening basketball game in the High school auditorium will be played Friday evening at 8 o'clock between the High school five and a team of former Monessen students including: Ryan, Rosenthal, Hannigan, Bumer, Hutchinson, Newhouse and Sutman. The High school is expected to have a very fast lineup in preparation for a hard season. No admission will be charged.

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Get him--father, son, husband or brother--something he can wear and he will appreciate it. Get it at a "man's" store, where they know what men need and want and he will doubly appreciate it.

Here are a Few Suggestions

Dress Shirts	$1.00 to $3.00	Neckties	25c to $1.50
Reefers	50c to $2.00	Traveling Bags	$1.00 to $10.00
Suit Cases	$1.00 to $6.00	Night Shirts	50c to $1.00
Bath Robes	$3.00 to $8.00	Pajamas	$1.00 to $2.00
Smoking Jackets	$5.00 to $8.00	Swell House Coats	$10.00
Sweaters	$1.00 to $9.00	Jerseys	$1.50 to $3.00
Wool Gloves	25c to $1.00	Dress Gloves	$1.00 to $2.50
Auto Gloves	$1.00 to $6.00	Suspenders	25c up
Handkerchiefs	10c to 50c	Traveling Sets	$1.00 to $5.00
Heavy Caps	25c to $1.00	Boys' Suits	$3.00 to $8.00
Mens' Suits	$10.00 to $25.00	Mens' Overcoats	$10.00 to $35.00
Boys' Overcoats	$3.00 to $8.00	Boys' Waists	25c to $1.00
Cuff Links	25c to $2.00	Stick Pins	25c to $1.00
Tie Holders	25c to 50c	Combination Sets	50c up

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John Onderko
Joe Solotti
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Andrew Koczan
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Local Notes

—Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Cowan and Mr. and Mrs. T. S Adams are Pittsburgh visitors today.

—Hand painted china for sale at Kirk's drug store on and after Dec. 11 by Mrs. Agnes Wild. 51-3t

—Professor H. E. Gress was attending the teachers' institute in Greensburg yesterday.

—Children's Gun Metal Button school shoes, sizes 5 to 8, 98c, sizes 8½ to 2, $1.29.—Garman Bros., 45-tf

—Mrs. Lillian Smith of this city, was a recent visitor with her mother, Mrs. Dora Schoenbaugh at West Elizabeth.

BROWN'S, THE HALLMARK STORE, WILL SAVE YOU MONEY ON YOUR XMAS JEWELRY. 56-tf

—Samuel A. Wagoner has accepted a position as extra platform man for the American Express during the holiday rush.

VISIT MAX THOMSON'S JEWELRY STORE. RELIABLE GOODS AT REASONABLE PRICES. 1t

—Edgar Martz has returned from an extended vacation which he spent in the eastern part of the state with friends and relatives.

—Having purchased a new automobile, I will sell my Buick 37 in perfect condition at a reasonable price. Call on Dr. M. J. Cramer. 48-tf

—The Young Ladies of the St. Leonard's Lyceum will hold a meeting in the Lyceum hall Sunday afternoon. Business of importance and all should attend.

FANCY POUND BOXES OF HIGH GRADE CHOCOLATES AT 25c A BOX FOR THIS WEEK AT THE PHILADELPHIA CANDY KITCHEN. 56-tf

—During the past week the Pittsburgh Steel Products company has sent through the American Express company 98,000 pounds of drive shaft to the Ford Motor company. Three special cars were used, for the shipments, giving the Express company a revenue of approximately $1,400.

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—Harry G. Black of Latrobe, is attending to business matters in this city today.

FRENCH IVORY SETS. THE LARGEST DISPLAY IN THE VALLEY AT BROWN'S, THE HALLMARK STORE. 56-tf

—Don't forget the ten cent social at Kelly's hall Friday night, Dec. 17 by the Lady Maccabees. All are invited. 58-2t

—Constable John Smith went to Greensburg today, taking two prisoners to the county jail.

—ARRIVED—Big line of imported Christmas tree ornaments. The largest selection in the valley. Monessen 5, 10c and 25c store. 56-tf

—One of L KO's fine comedies "A Saphead's Revenge," Saturday. One of Jokers's comedies with Max Asher and Gaile Henry. Saturday at the Olympic. 1t

—One week from today the local schools will close down for the holiday vacation which will extend unti the Monday after New Years.

SAVE MONEY ON XMAS PRESENTS AT MOYER'S BIG AUCTION SALE ALL THIS WEEK. SALE STARTS AT 7:30 EACH EVENING. 55-tf

—Sledding parties are all the rage in the country districts of the county the past few days, but there is very little of the beautiful on the streets of Monessen.

JEWELRY, DIAMONDS, WATCHES AND CUT GLASS SOLD TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER AT MOYER'S AUCTION SALE TONIGHT. 55-tf

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—Great interest is being manifested in the bowling match between the Belle Vernon team and the Colonial team at the Colonial alleys tomorrow evening. Some of the best bowlers in the valley will participate in the game.

—"The Connecting Link," one of Famous Bison's thrilling productions. The last episode of "The Diamond From the Sky" Saturday. We have to wait until March when the sequel of it will commence. Charles Chaplin comedy, one of the kind that makes you forget your troubles. Saturday at the Olympic. 1t

Les Miserables

The greatest motion picture ever made, a magnificient $100,000 production of the literary masterpiece of Victor Hugo, acted by cast of French stars. It is produced by Pathe Film Co. in four years time with help of one half dozen more companies. Tuesday at Olympic. Judgment voiced by able critics of three cities. "Les Miserables" is worthy a visit by everyone who has an eye for beauty and a mind capable of comprehending the greatness in literature and historic act."—Dr. George F. Moser in Louisville. Anziger. Spectators at Tremont Temple frequently broke out into applause as the thrilling adventures of Jean Val Jean were enacted on the screen.—Boston Transcript.

With Jean Val Jean you can lose yourself and wander through a living country with a living man and become a better man afterwards.—Boston Journal.

These are motion pictures worth seeing.—Chicago Post.

Twelve consecutive weeks at Tremont Temple, Boston to capacity houses. Nine weeks at Orchestra hall, Chicago. Three weeks at Masonic theatre—Louisville.

ATTENTION TURNERS

A banquet will be given tonight at the Turner hall in honor of F. F. Mankedik's wedding. Be sure and be present.

Nautical.

"Father," wired the young yachtsman, "please advance me some money. My boat is entered in tomorrow's race and I'm sure she will win."

And father promptly replied, "Not with a time allowance from me."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

"When a Woman Loves" at the Olympic theatre tomorrow.

Large Contracts

The Pittsburgh Railways company has awarded contracts for the construction of 190 new steel trolley cars to cost $1,000,000 and of the number 15 of a late type will be divided between the Charleroi and Washington lines.

The cars will be completed next spring and summer and all will be of the most modern design and construction yet built. The cars for the interurban Charleroi and Washington divisions will be built in Philadelphia and will be constructed on the low floor principle. Each will be 50 feet long, the same length as the present Charleroi and Washington cars, and it is possible, may be equipped with an observation platform in the rear. They will be of what is known as the 5600 type and will seat 72 persons.

HOBART BOSWORTH

Hobart Bosworth in the five reel film version "Colorado," by Augustus Thomas, in which a man's sterling character triumphs over hostile nature and human villainy and turns a barren soil into a glittering gold mine. Today at Olympic. Never had any weak picture with Hobart Bosworth in. Metro pictures presents the charming stage star, Ann Murdock in Charles Frohman's former great stage success, "A Royal Family" in five acts tomorrow at Olympic 1t

Shop Early

During the holiday rush, shop in the morning if you possibly can. This surely has its obvious advantages. for everybody feels fresh in the morning, and can make their purchases with best judgment in the morning hours. Moreover you are down town and return home out of the rush hour crowds. You find the store free from the large crowds; the merchandise is displayed at its best and the salespeople are able to give you undivided attention.

And you have the pleasure of knowing that you are one of the great number of people who are directly and materially helping to lighten the labors of the hundreds of young women who serve behind the counters of the stores of our cities, at this, the busiest season of the whoe year for them.

Let us all reflect the smile that Santa Claus sends round the world. For these are very strenuous days for the policemen at the prominent street crossings, for conductors on crowded trains and street cars, for customers who shop in the afternoon, and young men who deliver late into the night, for mail carriers, for express men, and in spite of the great increase which every store makes in its selling force at Christmas, it is especially strenuous for the salespeople in the stores.

Twenty-Three Short Days Will Decide Winner of Auto

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one is equal. No one knows how many reserve votes another candidate may have. Therefore, no matter what may be said regarding the chances of any particular candidate, it is solely her own opinion. Other candidates probably have equally as substantial a reserve vote, hence there is nothing to fear. Courage and downright hustle are the two main things that will win the prizes, and every candidate should—and for that matter is—taking it upon herself to annex just as many subscriptions as is within her power, between now and the final hour. They can be gotten anywhere. The territory is unlimited and the present offer of 100,000 extra votes for every $25.00 club makes possible wonderful gains in the standing.

The subscriptions are coming to the campaign office literally in handfuls, and when it is considered that all the candidates are sharing in this work, the final outcome will without a doubt, be exceedingly close.

Saturday night, Jan. 8th some candidate will be entitled to that Overland Touring Car. Four other candidates will become the owners of golden awards.

To be one of the happy circle is all a question of who has the most votes. Every subscription has an importance that can hardly be estimated. Just as in political campaigns, "dark horses" are liable to come strongly to the fore at the last moment. There are some candidates whose activities in the past have not been noticeable, yet they have been working quietly all the time and the results of their efforts will be shown when it is too late to surpass them.

This, again, makes every subscription an urgent need, for even the slightest difference in the number of votes at the end may mean the Overland Touring Car.

Candidates who have been promised subscriptions have now but twenty-three days more to see that promises are made good. Every bit of territory that has been gone over should be again carefully culled, to see that not one subscription has escaped that was possible to get. Every bit of territory covered by this campaign is now undergoing a thorough canvass and it is safe to say that no one will be overlooked. But it must be done systematically if the utmost results are to be obtained. It is system and the refusal to be turned down that begets victory.

STANDING OF CONTESTANTS

Mr. Geo. Wahlstrom	328,500
Mr. James Mazzei	319,000
Mr. Wm. Graeser	317,500
Mr. Wallace Hood	316,000
Miss Gertrude Landers	313,500
Mr. James Cuddy	311,500
Mr. A. J. Lhota	310,000
Mr. Harry Lebowitz	306,500
Miss Gustava Kruell	302,000
Mr. James Kaldy	300,000
Miss Hannah Hawkinson	298,500
Mr. Ernest Hopton	288,000

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We can stand almost any kind of a man. But the fellow who gives you a hand like a limp fish to shake isn't one of them.

Another pathetic little feature of every day life is the way a woman always wants $1.25 for something right away.

A 35-year old dame can drop five years from her age and fool most of the men. But she can't fool the other women.

Germany reports a serious decline in the birth rate. Among the others sins this war has to answer for is taking the pop out of population.

No wonder T. R. and "Billy" Sunday denounce the Ford trip so bitterly, as it has crowded them off the front page back among the liver-pill ads.

It's strange no one ever thought of sending one of those peace ships to Charleston in 1861.

Anyway American ships can sell the Mississippi and Great Lakes with impunity.

Santa Claus will as usual be strictly neutral. No belligerent should interfere wit hhis traffic.

Mr. Bryan has retired to his Florida home for the winter, thus proving that he favors individual preparedness. But why not national?

There are the regular philanthropists and then there are those considerate souls, the early Christmas shoppers.

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Rosie's Santy Man

By IRENE BEACH

"OH DEAR! I wish he'd come," sighed Rosie Perrone.

"Maybe he be sick," said the brother, as he dusted carefully the array of fruit arranged with such a holiday air in the narrow window of his shop. "He come if he not sick. You wait, Santy man no forget."

But Rosie in spite of her brother's encouraging words became very impatient. Finally she started in search of the kind friend, who was none other than the Santy of her street. Not the real Santy of Christmas eve, but a man who just pretended he was the same jovial friend of holly and cheer and wore a cloak and hat of red, faced with fur, and carried instead of a long whip to urge tired reindeer, a sign which told of a wonderful toyshop just around the corner.

A week before Pietro had seen from his little shop windows this same Santy man stagger and fall. Then both he and Rosie had helped the stranger into the fruit shop, where food and sympathy had been generously given. Now, it was the day before Christmas and the stranger who each day had stopped at Pietro's little shop had failed to appear.

"Maybe—he up the street somewheres," the brother had called to Rosie. "When you see heem, tell heem, tomorrow we look for him to eat with us. Yes?"

Rosie nodded and went on down the long avenue. There was a gentle snow falling, just enough to add to the street the touch of Christmas. But nowhere

could Rosie see the kind Santy man of her street, who had told her such wonderful tales of toys, fairies and of the real country of deep hills and red sunsets.

Suddenly she thought of something, a something so different that it made her heart go thumpty-thump. She would go to the wonderful toyshop, just around the corner and see for herself, if her friend was there.

But not a tired, hurried clerk of the shop had time to answer Rosie's questions. Finally she approached a tall gray-haired man standing in the center of the long aisle. She felt certain he would know something about the Santy of her street.

"Please, do you know our Santy man?"

"Who?" asked the man.

"The Santy man, who wore a red coat, cap and carried a sign?"

"No, I don't. What is it you want to buy, little girl?"

"I don't want to buy nothin'. I'm just lookin' for the Santy man of my street. He—" Then Rosie could say no more. The lumps would stick in her throat, no matter how hard she swallowed.

Just what might have happened is hard to say, if a lady standing near hadn't heard what Rosie said and wanted to help her. She knew exactly what to do.

An hour later, after seeing Pietro at his little shop, Rosie rode away with the lady, who was very beautiful, by the way, in her big automobile, to the hospital, where the poor Santy had been taken the night before.

It was a wondering, curious little Rosie, who followed her friend down the long, cool hall to the ward where the sick Santy man lay. Timidly she walked to the man's beside. He saw her. He held out his hand. Rose grabbed it and held it close and fast in her own little hands.

"Oh—I'm so glad you're found. Me and Pietro love you so much. I never

would have found you if the beautiful lady hadn't—"

But Rosie didn't finish the sentence, for Santy hadn't heard a word she was saying. He was staring with deep, strange eyes at the lady, who had drawn nearer the sick man's bed.

"Sis," he whispered.

"Bob," she answered.

There Rosie sat with shining eyes and a little heart thumping and listened to the wonderful story of her Santy man and the lady. Santy was none other than the lady's brother, whom she hadn't seen since the day, years and years ago, he ran away to sea. And the lady? She was the beautiful fairy of the toy-shop.

"And did you know all the time she owned it?"

"Yes."

"Why didn't you go and see her?"

"Because I was too poor, sick and proud."

Now, of course, like all stories where fairies and Santy hold forth, everybody was glad and lived happy ever afterward. It was a wonderful day for Rosie and Pietro.

And up and down Rosie's street, too, there was gladness; for the good news had spread to the children. Rosie and the sparrows told, that the Santy man of their street had found a sister.

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The Drug Store

Third and Schoonmaker Monessen, Pa.

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Wedding boquets a speciality.

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Friday—Jack Henderson with Kalem's Broadway Favorites in "The Man Servant," and "Pippa Passes." Directed by D. W. Griffith, who is responsible for the "Birth of Nation."

Saturday—Lubin presents "Nan of the Back Woods." and our old friend Charles Chaplin in "His Favorite Pastime." Coming—Dec. 27, the latest Essanay Chaplin "A Night in the Show." Always 5 cents.

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Live and Dead Towns

Did you ever go into a town, and as you stepped from the train, have it strike you suddeny that the town was dead? Have you ever had a town described to you as a "dead" town? Have you ever stopped to analyze just what is meant by those words, "dead town?" In the last analysis they mean just one thing—and that is that the merchants of the town don't advertise. A dead town has certain positive aspects of demise which are as bald as a piece of crepe hanging on the door of a private house. The stores seem to be merely existing. Their shelves are covered with apparently unsaleable goods. The storekeepers seem to be vying with each other to see which will win the first prize as the town grouch. If you talked with them they knocked the town, they knocked business, they knocked the mail order house. They were continually complaining that other people did business and made money but that they didn't seem to be able to sell anything. They guessed it was the town. Yes, that was it—the town. If you asked that merchant if he advertised, he would have looked at you with amazement. What was the use of advertising when business was so bad? People who had money to spend, he would tell you, were sending it to the mail order houses. No, he would say he didn't advertise. He wouldn't throw good money after bad.

On the other hand, go into a live town and what will you see? The merchants have attractive displays in their stores. The daily newspapers are filled with big announcements of special sales or low priced goods. They are not afraid of the mail order houses because they have the same means to reach the people—advertising—that makes the mail order house great. The merchants have their local association for mutual help, and behind the association the local newspaper is pushing, pushing, pushing. Everybody is working and everybody is happy and boosting. If you want a live town get behind the newspapers and the newspaper will do the rest. Forget the time-worn arguments that the paper is a dead one. The paper is alive enough if the people are alive. The surest test of a live town is a live newspaper and a newspaper can't be alive unless the town boosters do their share.

The Late Shopper

The late shopper is a prominent member of the Genus Procrastinatus. He has his own peculiar way of celebrating Christmas. Often he celebrates it in bed, with a water bag on his chest and the grip of an anxious physician around his wrist. His eyes are closed and his poor, warped brain is worn in a sling. On the floor beside his bed, torn to shreds and bitten in numerous places, lies his Christmas list. The day before Christmas he sallied forth with this list in his hand and a look of desperate determination on his features. The late shopper is a cheerful giver, withal He loves giving for its own sake, but he loves it better for the sake of putting it off. Decidedly he is no believer in the "Do-it-Now" movement. Nor is he selfish. It is just a habit. It is to be feared that if he were dying of thirst he would put off giving himself a drink.

Philanthropists should find sanitariums for Late Christmas Shoppers—the kind that are incurable. Here they could retire and nurse their wounds, incurred in the last toy counter rush. How fortunate it is that Santa Claus was not born a late shopper. He is always on the job and gets ready for the holiday season months ahead. we are reliably informed by the nursery books. However, Santa Claus is in constant danger of losing his reputation. There are hundreds of fond fathers who pose as Santa Claus to their little broods, papas who sally forth to collect a bagful of toys just when the stores are closing on Christmas eve, and the holly garlands are being taken down, and the manager of the dress goods department is getting ready to announce "Spring and Summer Styles."

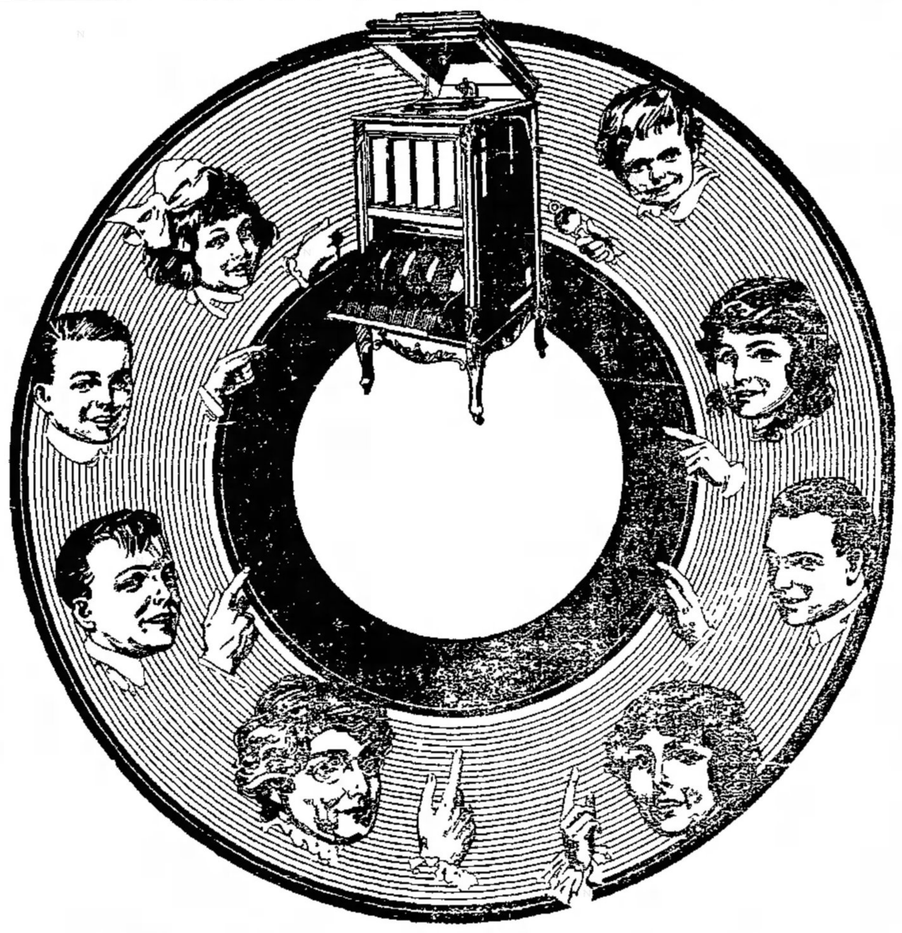
The Late Shoppers we have always with us. As eleventh-hour athletes, they take all the running, jumping and line-plunging honors. But often the Late Shopper has one good mark to his credit. He puts off giving at all times, and therefore puts off giving a piece of his mind to his wife.

Sixteen Pages Today

This issue of the Independent reaches its readers much enlarged. It is the annual Christmas number and it contains much additional advertising of local merchants. Hardly a local business firm has passed up this opportunity of sending a message into the homes of the people of this community. There has been a big demand for space and no merchant who is alive to his own interest has ignored the greatest opportunity of the season to show that he is active in the competitive field and that he really wants a share of the patronage. The people of Monessen are the greatest patrons of the local stores. If our commercial rating is to rise with each succeeding year, the greatest increase will come through the business that is retained at home. First attention should be directed to getting a share of the home trade and with that accomplished we should then reach out into a larger and broader field.

It is out of the great payrolls of Monessen's mills that the stream of commercial activity will be kept alive. This fact should not be overlooked. Towns and cities are after this monstrous distribution of money. Merchants from the city buy space in Monessen papers at a higher rate than is asked the local merchant, yet a few ignore the great value of the newspaper and will spend their money in channels not half so effective.

This issue comes to its readers wishing them a very Merry Christmas and commending to them the stores herein represented as shopping centers. Patronize them and you will get a dollar's worth of merchandise for every dollar spent.



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Grafanolas - - From $17.50 to $500.00

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T. S. LaForte, Manager

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At our store you will find numerous articles that will make useful and appreciated gifts for the Christmas present.

LOOK OVER THIS LIST OF SUGGESTIONS

Cigars in boxes of 10 for 50 cents, 25 for $1.25, $2.00, $2.25 and $3.00.

Safety Razors	$1.00 to $5.00
Perfumes	25c to $2.00
Stationery, per box	25c to $2.00
Flashlights	$1.00 to $2.00
Candy, per box	25c to $5.00
Pocketbooks, name in gold	49c
Manicure sets	$2.50 to $7.50
Parker Fountain Pens	$1.50 to $5.00

Christmas cards and booklets.

:— SEE OUR WINDOW DISPLAY —:

Come in and inspect our line, you will find here just the thing for him or her. Our stock is of the best quality and our prices the lowest.

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Donner Avenue Monessen, Pa.

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Try our fresh home made sausage and selected home dressed spring chicken.

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FOR SALE—1914 Ford touring car, first class condition, electric lights, shock absorbers and Atwater Kent system. H. A. Irwin, 637 Reed avenue, phone 248-M. 57-3t

WANTED—Driver and all around man. Inquire at Star Furniture House. 57-3t

FOR SALE—Corn, feed, dressed hogs 10c lb. and live chickens by the coop. 12½. Fob. Cambridge, O. E. A Warman. 57-6t

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FOR RENT—5 room flat, third floor 511 Donner avenue, rent $20. 33-tf
See E. M. FRYE, Manager
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45 tf ..Monessen Savings & Trust Co.

FOR SALE—T. Campana, the local milk dealer, will sell his Donner avenue store including up-to-date ice cream manufacturing plant. Mr. Campana will devote his entire time to his Schoonmaker avenue store and milk business and for this reason wishes to sell his Donner avenue store as soon as possible. Inquire at 427 Donner avenue. 51-tf

FOR RENT—Two front rooms for light housekeeping or for sleeping. 507 Donner avenue. 55-3tp

WANTED—Good girl for general housework; apply 635 McKee avenue. 55-3t

LOST—Saturday night between Third and Donner and Second and McKee, silver mesh bag with silver coin purse inside. Finder leave at Weill's wall paper store and receive reward. 55-tf

WANTED—Position as general housework by good colored girl; call 164-W. 55-3tp

FOR RENT—House of six rooms and bath, Ninth street. Rent $15.00 a month. Duvall & Duvall. 55-3t

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Tobaccos,
Pipes,
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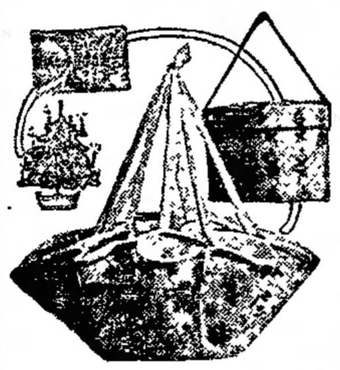

SELECTING gifts for one's menfolks is perplexing to the Christmas shopper; their needs are few, compared to those of women and children. Men like gifts that add something to their comfort and they like convenient things. They especially appreciate gifts made by the donor, and this year, there are some novelties for them which are not difficult to make at home.

A basket, which will do either for a den or a bedroom, is made very easily. The materials selected for it depend upon the purposes for which it is to be used. If it is intended for a convenient receptacle for ties, collar buttons, pins, needles, thread and various odds and ends, it is to be made of cretonne, brown linen or figured silk and finished with ribbon. But if for a den to hold pipes, matches, cigars, tobacco, etc., it is to be made of thin leather or heavy silk and finished with silver or gold braid and cord.

A collar box covered with cretonne and suspended by ribbon hangers is a reliable gift sure of a welcome. A round pasteboard box of suitable size is needed over which the covering is stretched and either pasted or sewed.

For small remembrance tokens flat sachets of crepe paper carrying lavender or spicy perfumes in an oblong bit of cotton batting, are tied with narrow strips of ribbons.

Desk Sets for the Office or Home

AMONG the most attractive of novel presents for men are office or library sets consisting of portfolio, letter box, waste basket, candle shades, etc. They are made of handsome wall paper designs pasted over foundations of heavy cardboard or wood. A paper having a broad black and white stripe with dark red flowers, vaguely outlined on it, was used to cover the letter box and portfolio shown in the illustration. The candle shade is of dark red paper decorated with a fancy gold braid pasted on. The ability to choose an attractive paper and paste it on neatly is about all that is required for making these sets. Leather effects, the tiffany papers, besides many artistic flowered patterns are suited to the purpose and make useful and tasteful gifts that men appreciate.

Tobacco Pouch and Dressing Case Bag

A TOBACCO pouch is made of four long, narrow triangles of leather or of a silky plush, sewed together. A silk lining is made in the same way and placed in the outer bag. The edges along the top are blind-stitched together. The bag is 7½ inches long, each triangle 3½ inches wide. A casing is stitched in the bag 1½ inches from the top to accommodate narrow elastic bands for drawing strings. If the bag is to be hung up ribbon or cord suspenders are sewed at each side.

HIGHWAY BULLETIN ISSUED

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 17—The November issue of "Pennsylvania Highway News," the official bulletin of the State Highway Department, has just been issued.

The bulletin, which in reality, is a magazine of highway news and development in Pennsylvania, is a 36 page document filled with instructive statistical and informatory news. The present issue is Number 6 of Volume 1 and includes the first volume of the bulletin.

The issue is freely illustrated and contains a number of readable articles. An innovation is the introduction of an editorial page.

The leading article is an account of the automobile tour over the State Highways taken by Governor Brumbaugh and his invited guests in October. This is followed by an illustrated article on the model concrete road being constructed by the Department between Easton and Allentown.

The address, delivered by W. D. Uhler, chief engineer of the department, at the Pan-American road congress, at Oakland, California, in September, is reprinted: George H. Biles, second Deputy State Highway Commissioner, in charge of the maintenance work of the department, contributes an illustrated article on the repair of brick pavements. Willis Whited, the bridge engineer of the department, contributes an article on bridge washouts.

The balance of the issue is taken up with statistical information concerning the Bureau of Township Highways, construction reports, legal opinions, press comment and news and comment on the work of the district engineers as well as statistical information concerning the Automobile Division.

Useful Presents for the Little People

A WARM robe of eiderdown flannel is among the many delightful gifts that are to be made for the baby or for the little ones who have outgrown babyhood. Eiderdown flannel is woven in light colors and figured in white with Teddy bears, rabbits, birds and other figures that delight the youngsters. It is the softest and most comforting of materials for cold weather.

Bath robes like that pictured are bound with narrow ribbon on all the raw edges, provided with collars and pockets (except when made for infants) and have ties of silk cord, finished with tassels at the neck and about the waist, like the eiderdown in color. For the little infant the pocket and waist cord are not needed.

Bed slippers of eiderdown finished and tied with ribbons are very comfortable for little ones who are apt to kick off bedclothes in cold weather. They are among the most easily made of gifts. Shoes and bootees, for little infants' daily wear, are also made of this material which is so well suited for a baby's garments. Other articles are short sacks, hoods and blankets for the baby's carriage. The last are decorated with big bows of wide, handsome satin ribbon.

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Don't you think that something to wear would make some man or boy happier than if you bought him a trifle that's more ornamental than useful.

Our Store is Full of Articles Suitable for Gifts

for men or boys. Just the things they would select for themselves had they the choosing.

You will do well to look this list over before making your purchases.

Soft and Stiff hats for men
Caps, with or without ear lugs for men and boys.
Silk and Madras Dress shirts.
Ties of the latest patterns.
Mufflers, Silk and Woolen.
Holiday Combination sets.
Plain and initial handkerchiefs.
Men's Hose, wool and silk.
Men's and Boys Sweaters and Sweater Coats.
Men's and Boys Jerseys.
Pajamas and Night shirts.
Wool, Kid and Fur Gloves.
Men's Jewelry for Dress occasions.
Men's House Slippers.
Ladies Fur trimmed Juliets.
Infant's Fancy Soft sole shoes.

Many other articles that will make useful gifts

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SUITS MADE TO ORDER

Ladies, Children and Gent's Shoes and Gents Furnishings.

Corner Third and Schoonmaker Monessen, Pa.

ONLY ONE

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If the reader has a "bad back" or any kidney ills and is looking for an effective kidney remedy, better depend on the remedy endorsed by people you know. Doan's Kidney Pills have given great satisfaction in such cases. Monessen citizens testify to this. Here is a case of it:

H. R. Wilbur, 131 McKee avenue, Monessen, says: "I contracted a heavy cold which affected my kidneys. My back was sore and lame all the time and I had to have help to turn in bed. My whole body was like a board. I often had to have someone help dress me. Shooting pains darted through my body and I couldn't do my work. My body became bloated. The secretions were profuse in passage and contained sediment. I had dizzy spells and hot flashes, and I was miserable in every way. I doctored for years but didn't improve. The first box of Doan's Kidney Pills relieved me and two boxes practically cured me. Now and then I take Doan's Kidney Pills as a kidney tonic and give them credit for keeping me well."

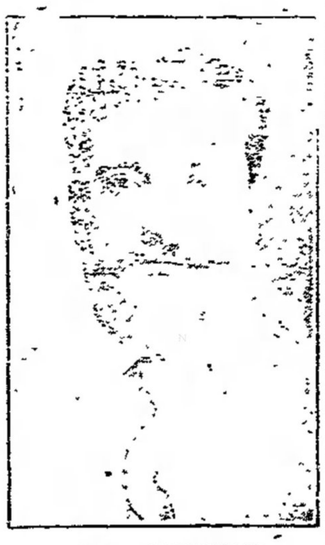
Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Wilbur had. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.

Healthful Sweden.

The average length of life in Sweden is slightly more than fifty years, which is very high.

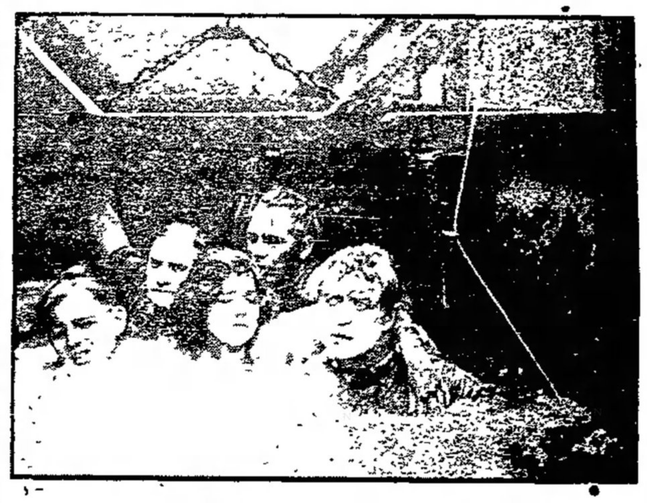
NICK ZARPAS

Sixth Street



THE POPCORN MAN

—Don't fail to visit Nick's wagon at Sixth street for fresh roasted peanuts, salted peanuts, buttered peanuts, chestnuts, roasted chestnuts and popcorn. You get the best and it's always fresh.



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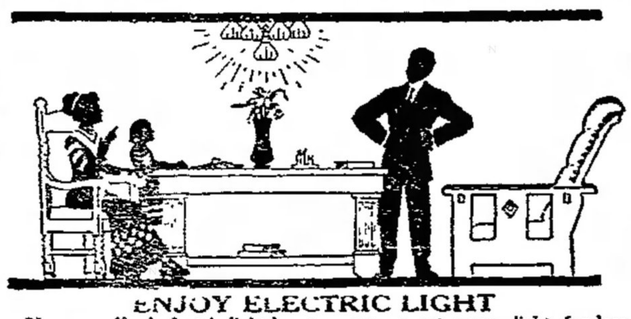

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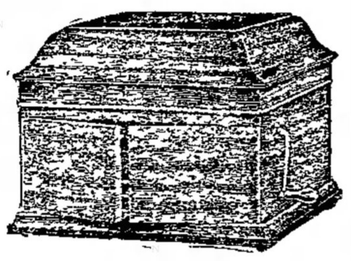

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A pretty handkerchief case is made of a straight piece of unbleached linen 17 inches long and 10¾ inches wide. Across one corner a spray of flowers is embroidered in pink with green foliage. Bow knots are embroidered in blue at each side of the spray. The case is lined with thin pink satin and interlined with a sheet of cotton batting, in which sachet powder is sprinkled. The edges are finished with button-hole stitching in pink silk.

The case is folded crosswise at the center and the sides and top tied together with narrow satin ribbon in simple bows One corner is turned back and fastened with a bow. This finishes an attractive, scented receptacle, shaped like an envelope, to be placed on the dressing case.

A work bag is made of coarse brown linen cut into the shape shown in the picture. It is 14 inches long and 10½ wide Two pieces are joined at the edges which are scalloped and finished with button hole stitching in green silk floss.

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To make shades like that shown in the picture take flowered ribbon or strips of silk a half-inch wider than the width of the wire frame. Lay it in plaits a little less than a half inch in depth, or have it plaited on a plaiting machine. Sew one edge of the plaited strip over the top wire of the frame, crowding the plaits close together Sew the other edge over the bottom wire. Spreading the plaits evenly is necessary. Conceal the sewing and border the shade at the same time with tinsel braid in silver or gilt.

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The Gifts That Failed

By GEORGE ADE

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MR. SIDNEY PAYSON was full of the bitterness of Christmas-tide. Mr. Payson was the kind of man who loved to tell invalids that they were not looking as well as usual, and who frightened young husbands by predicting that they would regret having married. He seldom put the seal of approval on any human undertaking. It was a matter of pride with him that he never failed to find the sinister motive for the act which other people applauded Some of his pious friends used to say that Satan had got the upper hand with him, but there were others who indicated that it might be bile

Think of the seething wrath and the sense of humiliation with which Mr. Sidney Payson set about his Christmas shopping! In the first place, to go shopping for Christmas presents was the most conventional thing that anyone could do, and Mr. Payson hated conventionalities. For another thing, the giving of Christmas presents carried with it some testimony of affection, and Mr. Payson regarded any display of affection as one of the crude symptoms of barbarous taste.

If he could have assembled his relatives at a Christmas gathering and opened a few old family wounds, reminding his brother and his two sisters of some of their youthful follies, thus shaming them before the children, Mr. Sidney Payson might have managed to make out a rather merry Christmas. Instead of that, he was condemned to go out and purchase gifts and be as cheaply idiotic as the other wretched mortals with whom he was being carried along No wonder that he chafed and rebelled and vainly wished that he could hang crepe on every Christmas tree in the universe.

Mr. Sidney Payson hated his task and he was puzzled by it. After wandering through two stores and looking in at 20 windows he had been unable to make one selection. It seemed to him that all the articles offered for sale were singularly and uniformly inappropriate. The custom of giving was a farce in itself, and the storekeepers had done what they could to make it a sickening travesty.

"I'll go ahead and buy a lot of things at haphazard," he said to himself. "I don't care a hang whether they are appropriate or not."

At that moment he had an inspiration. It was an inspiration which could have come to no one except Mr. Sidney Payson. It promised a speedy

"I'll Take Them."

end to shopping hardships. It guaranteed him a Christmas to his own liking.

He was bound by family custom to buy Christmas presents for his relatives. He had promised his sister that he would remember every one in the list. But he was under no obligation to give presents which would be welcome. Why not give to each of his relatives some present which would be entirely useless, inappropriate and superfluous? It would serve them right for involving him in the childish performances of the Christmas season It would be a burlesque on the whole nonsensicality of Christmas giving It would irritate and puzzle his relatives and probably deepen their hatred of him. At any rate, it would be a satire on a silly tradition, and thank goodness, it wouldn't be conventional.

Mr. Sidney Payson went into the first department store and found himself at the book counter

"Have you any work which would be suitable for an elderly gentleman of studious habits and deep religious convictions?" he asked.

"We have here the works of Flavius Josephus in two volumes," replied the young woman.

"All right, I'll take them," he said. "I want them for my nephew Fred. He likes Indian stories."

The salesgirl looked at him wonderingly.

"Now, then, I want a love story," said Mr. Payson. "I have a maiden sister who is president of a Ruskin club and writes essays about Buddhism. I want to give her a book that tells about a girl named Mabel who is loved by Sir Hector Something-or-Other. Give me a book that is full of hugs and kisses and heaving bosoms and all that sort of rot. Get just as far away from Ibsen and Howells and Henry James as you can possibly get."

"Here is a book that all the girls in the store say is very good," replied the young woman. "It is called 'Virgie's Betrothal; or The Stranger at Birchwood Manor.' It's by Imogene Sybil Beauclerc."

"If it's what it sounds to be, it's just what I want," said Payson, showing his teeth at the young woman with a devilish glee. "You say the girls here in the store like it?"

"Yes; Miss Simmons, in the handkerchief-box department, says it's just grand."

"Ha! All right, I'll take it."

He felt his happiness rising as he went through the store. The joy shone in his face as he stood at the skate counter.

"I have a brother who is forty-six years old and rather fat," he said to the salesman. "I don't suppose he's been on the ice in twenty-five years He wears a No 9 shoe. Give me a pair of skates for him."

A few minutes later he stood at the silk counter.

"What are those things?" he asked, pointing to some gayly colored silks folded in boxes

"Those are scarfs."

"Well, if you've got one that has all the colors of the rainbow in it, I'll take it. I want one with lots of yellow and red and green in it. I want something that you can hear across the street. You see, I have a sister who prides herself on her quiet taste. Her costumes are marked by what you call 'unobtrusive elegance.' I think she'd rather die than wear one of those things, so I want the biggest and noisest one in the whole lot."

The girl didn't know what to make of Mr. Payson's strange remarks, but she was too busy to be kept wondering.

Mr. Payson's sister's husband is the president of a church temperance society, so Mr Payson bought him a buckhorn corkscrew.

There was one more present to buy. "Let me see," said Mr. Payson. "What is there that could be of no earthly use to a girl of six years old?"

Even as he spoke his eye fell on a sign: "Bargain sale of neckwear."

"I don't believe she would care for cravats," he said. "I guess I'll buy some for her."

He saw a box of cravats marked "25 cents each."

"Why are those so cheap?" he asked.

"Well, to tell the truth, they're out of style."

"That's good. I want eight of them—oh, any eight will do. I want them for a small niece of mine—a little girl about six years old."

Without indicating the least surprise, the salesman wrapped up the cravats.

Letters received by Mr. Sidney Payson in acknowledgment of his Christmas presents:

"Dear Brother: Pardon me for not having acknowledged the receipt of your Christmas present. The fact is that since the skates came I have been devoting so much of my time to the re-acquiring of one of my early accomplishments that I have not had much time for writing. I wish I could express to you the delight I feit when I opened the box and saw that you had sent me a pair of skates It was just as if you had said to me: 'Will, my boy, some people may think you are getting on in years, but I know that you're not.' I suddenly remembered that the presents which I have been receiving for several Christmases were intended for an old man. I have received easy-chairs, slippers, mufflers, smoking-jackets, and the like. When I received the pair of skates from you I felt that twenty years had been lifted from my shoulders. How in the world did you ever happen to think of them? Did you really believe that my skating days were not over? Well, they're not. I went to the pond in the park on Christmas day and worked at it for two hours and I had a lot of fun. My ankles were rather weak and I fell down twice, but without hurting myself, managed to go through the motions, and before I left I skated with a peach of a pretty girl. Well, Sid, I owe this renewal of my youth to you Thank you many times, and believe me to be, as ever, your affectionate brother. WILLIAM."

"Dear Brother: The secret is out. I suspected it all the time. It is needless for you to offer denial. Sometimes when you have acted the cynic I have almost believed that you were sincere, but each time I have been relieved to observe something in you which told me that underneath your assumed indifference there was a genial current of the romantic sentiment of the youth and the lover How can I be in doubt after receiving a little book—a love story?

"I knew, Sidney dear, that you would remember me at Christmas. You have always been the soul of thoughtfulness, especially to those of us who understood you. I must, however, confess that I expected you to do the deadly conventional thing and send me something heavy and serious. I knew it would be a book. All of my friends send me books. That's what comes of being president of a literary club. But you are the only one, Sidney, who had the rare and kindly judgment to appeal to the woman and not to the club president. Because I am interested in a serious literary movement it need not follow that I want my whole life to be overshadowed by the giants of the kingdom of letters. Although I would not dare confess it to Mrs Peabody or Mrs. Hutchens, there are times when I like to spend an afternoon with an old-fashioned love story You are a bachelor, Sidney, and as for me, I have long since ceased to blush at the casual mention of 'old maid.' It was not for us to know the bitter sweet experiences of courtship and marriage, and you will remember that we have sometimes pitied the headlong infatuation of sweethearts, and have felt rather superior in our freedom. And yet, Sidney, if we chose to be perfectly candid with each other, I dare say that both of us would con-

It Would Be Useless to Dwell Upon the Reflections of Mr. Sidney Payson.

fess to having known something about that which men call love. We might confess that we had felt its subtle influence, at times and places, and with a stirring uneasiness, as one detects a draft. We might go so far as to admit that sometimes we pause in our lonely lives and wonder what might have been, and whether it would not have been better after all. I am afraid that I am writing this like a sentimental school girl, but you must know that I have been reading your charming little book, and it has come to me as a message from you Is it not really a confession, Sidney? You have made me very happy, dear brother. I feel more closely drawn to you than at any time since we were all together at Christmas. at the old home. Come and see me. Your loving sister,

"GERTRUDE."

"Dear Brother: Greetings to you from the happiest household in town, thanks to a generous Santa Claus in the guise of Uncle Sidney. I must begin by thanking you on my own account. How in the world did you learn that Roman colors had come in again? I have always heard that men did not follow the styles and could not be trusted to select anything for a woman, but it is a libel, a base libel, for the scarf which you sent is quite the most beautiful thing I have received this Christmas. I have it draped over the large picture in the parlor, and it is the envy of every one who has been in today. A thousand, thousand thanks, dear Sidney. It was perfectly sweet of you to remember me, and I call it nothing less than a stroke of genius to think of anything so appropriate and yet so much out of the ordinary.

"John asks me to thank you—but I must tell you the story One evening last week we had a little chafing-dish party after prayer meeting, and I asked John to open a bottle of olives for me. Well he broke the small blade of his knife trying to get the cork out. He said: 'If I live to get downtown again, I'm going to buy a corkscrew.' Fortunately he had neglected to buy one, and so your gift seemed to come straight from Providence. John is very much pleased. Already he has found a use for it, as it happened that he wanted to open a bottle of household ammonia the very first thing this morning.

"As for Fred's lovely books—thank goodness you didn't send him any more story books. John and I have been trying to induce him to take up a more serious line of reading The Josephus ought to help him in the study of his Sunday school lessons. We were pleased to observe that he read it for about an hour this morning.

"When you were out here last fall did Genevieve tell you that she was collecting silk for a doll quilt? She insists that she did not, but she must have done so, for how could you have guessed that she wants pieces of silk above anything else in the world? Fred and Genevieve send love and kisses. John insists that you come out to dinner some Sunday very soon—next Sunday if you can. After we received your presents we were quite ashamed of the box we had sent over to your hotel, but we will try to make up the difference in heart felt gratitude. Don't forget—any Sunday. Your loving sister. KATHERINE."

It would be useless to dwell upon the reflections of Mr. Sidney Payson after he received these letters.

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MALTAS ENTERTAIN

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The program consisted of the following numbers: Ladies quarete composed of Mrs. John Metz, Miss Bethel Bowman, Miss Nora Swan and Miss Marnie Rockwell; solo, Mrs. Samuel L. Kirk; selection, male quartet composed of Marion Kinder, Thomas Preston and Horace Nutt; readings, Miss Marie Whitehead; duet, Miss Emma Clutter and Marion Kinder; illustrated address "The Present Day World Conditions," Rev John R. Burson.

Rev. Burson's talk had to do with the conditions in the near east and the far west.

LOSE THOUSANDS

Many thousands of dollars are on deposit with banking institutions in the state especially savings banks, the depositors of which have not made their appearance at the bank in several years and of whose whereabouts the bank, in many instances, has no knowledge. Unless the owners of these deposits appear and prove their claims, they may lose them.

A law passed last spring by the legislature and which goes into effect January 1, makes it mandatory upon all savings banks to make a report in January of each year, setting forth the number of deposits in their hands for which no claim has been made by the depositor for a period of 14 years, and if such depositor has not claimed ownership for 17 years such unclaimed deposit and accumulated interest shall escheat to the commonwealth.

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Two years ago when Theodore Roosevelt was storming the country threatening to turn the political machinery up side down, there were many hallucinations and with his wave of reform there sprang up many would-be journalists who thought they would help right the country. Consequently many bull moose papers came into existence with Theodore as their idol for president in 1916. One of these was launched at Uniontown, called The Record. It was organized with a big capital and announced in eloquent terms that it would not be and could not be bossed. It intended to purify the atmosphere wherever circulated. But two short years is sufficient according to information to sink $50,000. In concluding the publication the editor announced that "we propose to die honorably and to hand over to our creditors our body, the assets of the corporation to be divided between them without preference, priority or distinction."

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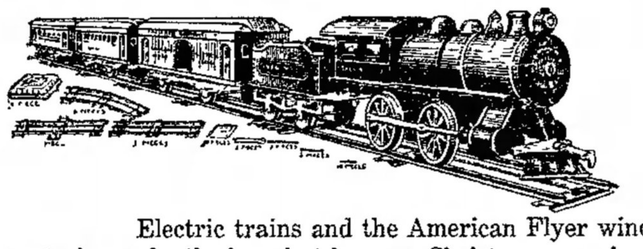

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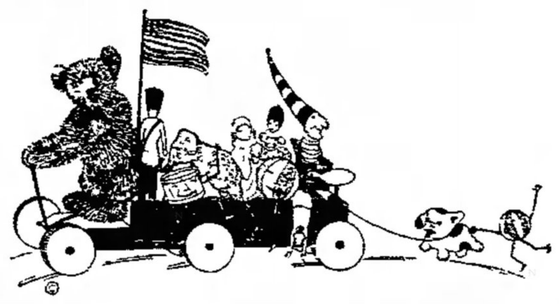

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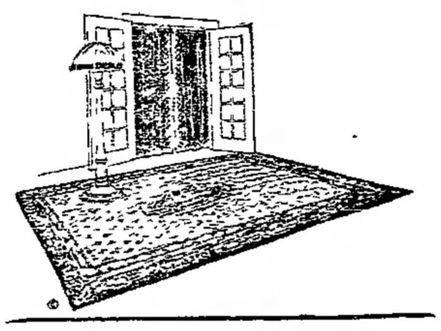

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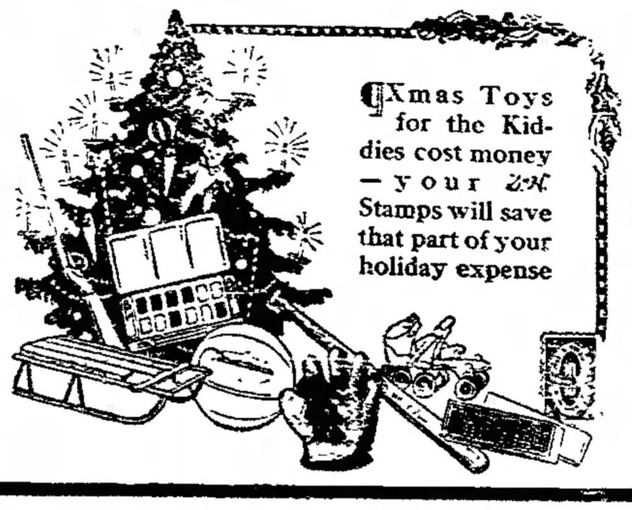

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Santa Claus and Little Billee

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HE was only a little bit of of a chap, and so, when for the first time in his life he came into close contact with the endless current of human things, it was as hard for him to "stay put" as for some wayward little atom of flotsam and jetsam to keep from tossing about in the surging tides of the sea.

His mother had left him there in the big toy shop, with instructions not to move until she came back, while she went off to do some mysterious errand. She thought, no doubt, that with so many beautiful things on every side to delight his eye and hold his attention, strict obedience to her commands would not be hard. But, alas, the good lady reckoned not upon the magnetic power of attraction of all those lovely objects in detail.

When a phonograph at the other end of the shop began to rattle off melodious tunes and funny jokes, in spite of the instruction Little Billee had received, off he pattered as fast as his little legs would carry him to investigate. After that, forgetful of everything else, finding himself caught in the constantly moving stream of Christmas shoppers, he was borne along in the resistless current until he found himself at last out upon the street—alone, free, and independent.

It was great fun, at first. By and by, however, the afternoon waned, and little Billee began to grow tired. He thought of his mamma, and tried to find the shop where he had promised to remain quiet until her return. Up and down the street he wandered until his little legs grew weary; but there was no sign of the shop, nor of the beloved face he was seeking.

Once again, and yet once again after that, did the little fellow traverse that crowded highway, his tears getting harder and harder to keep back, and then—joy of joys—whom should he see walking slowly along the sidewalk but Santa Claus himself! The saint was strangely decorated with two queer-looking boards, with big red letters on them, hung over his back and chest.

With a glad cry of happiness, Little Billie ran to meet the old fellow, and put his hand gently into that of the saint. He thought it very strange that Santa Claus's hand should be so red and cold and rough, and so chapped; but he was not in any mood to be critical.

Santa Claus, of course, would recognize him at once, and would know just how to take him back to his

His Mother Had Left Him There in the Toy-Shop.

mamma at home—wherever that might be. Little Billee had never thought to inquire just where home was. All he knew was that it was a big gray stone house on a long street somewhere, with a tall iron railing in front of it not far from the park.

"How didoo, Mr. Santa Claus?" said Little Billee, as the other's hand unconsciously tightened over his own.

"Why, howdidoo, kiddie?" replied the old fellow, glancing down at his new-found friend, with surprise gleaming from his deep-set eyes. "Where did you drop from?"

"Oh, I'm out," said Little Billee bravely. "My mamma left me a little while ago while she went off about something, and I guess I got losted. But it's all right now, I'm found again, ain't I?"

"Oh, yes, indeedy, you're found all right, kiddie," Santa Claus agreed.

"And pretty soon you'll take me home again, won't you?" said the child.

"Surest thing you know!" answered Santa Claus, looking down upon the bright but tired little face with a comforting smile. "Where do you live?"

"As if you didn't know that!" cried Little Billee, giggling.

"Ha, ha!" laughed Santa Claus. "Can't fool you, can I? It would be funny if, after keeping an eye on you all these years since you was a baby, I didn't know where you lived, eh?"

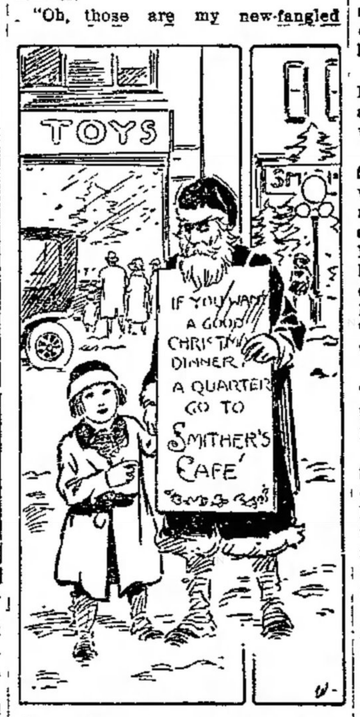
"Awful funny," agreed Little Billee.

Just then Little Billee noticed for the first time the square boards that Santa Claus was wearing.

"What are you wearing those boards for, Mr. Santa Claus?" he asked.

If the lad had looked closely enough, he would have seen a very unhappy look come into the old man's face; but there was nothing of it in his answer.

"Oh, those are my new-fangled



"What Are You Wearing Those Boards for, Mr. Santa Claus?"

back and chest protectors, my lad," he replied. "Sometimes we have bitter winds blowing at Christmas, and I have to be ready for them. It wouldn't do for Santa Claus to come down with the sneezes at Christmas time, you know—no, sires! This board in front keeps the wind off my chest, and the one behind keeps me from getting rheumatism in my back. They are a great protection against the weather."

"You've got letters printed there," said the boy, peering around in front of his companion. "What do they spell? You know I haven't learned to read yet."

"'Merry Christmas to Everybody!'" said Santa Claus. "I have the words printed there so that everybody can see them; and if I miss wishing anybody a merry Christmas, he'll know I meant it just the same."

They walked on now in silence, for Little Billee was beginning to feel almost too tired to talk, and Santa Claus seemed to be thinking of something else. Finally, however, the little fellow spoke.

"I guess I'd like to go home now, Mr. Santa Claus," he said. "I'm tired, and I'm afraid my mamma will be wondering where I've gone to."

"That's so, my litle man," said Santa Claus, stopping short in his walk up and down the block. "Your mother will be worried, for a fact; and your father, too—I know how I'd feel if my little boy got losted and hadn't come home at dinner time. I don't believe you know where you live, though—now, honest! Come! 'Fess up, Billee, you don't know where you live, do you?"

"Why, yes, I do," said Little Billee. "It's in the big gray stone house with the iron fence in front of it, near the park."

"Oh, that's easy enough!" laughed Santa Claus nervously. "Anybody could say he lived in a gray stone house with a fence around it, near the park; but you don't know what street it's on, nor the number, either. I'll bet fourteen wooden giraffes against a monkey on a stick!"

"No, I don't," said Little Billee frankly; "but I know the number of our ortymobile. It's—'N. Y.'"

"Fine!" laughed Santa Claus. Then he reflected for a moment, eyeing the child anxiously.

"I don't believe you even know—

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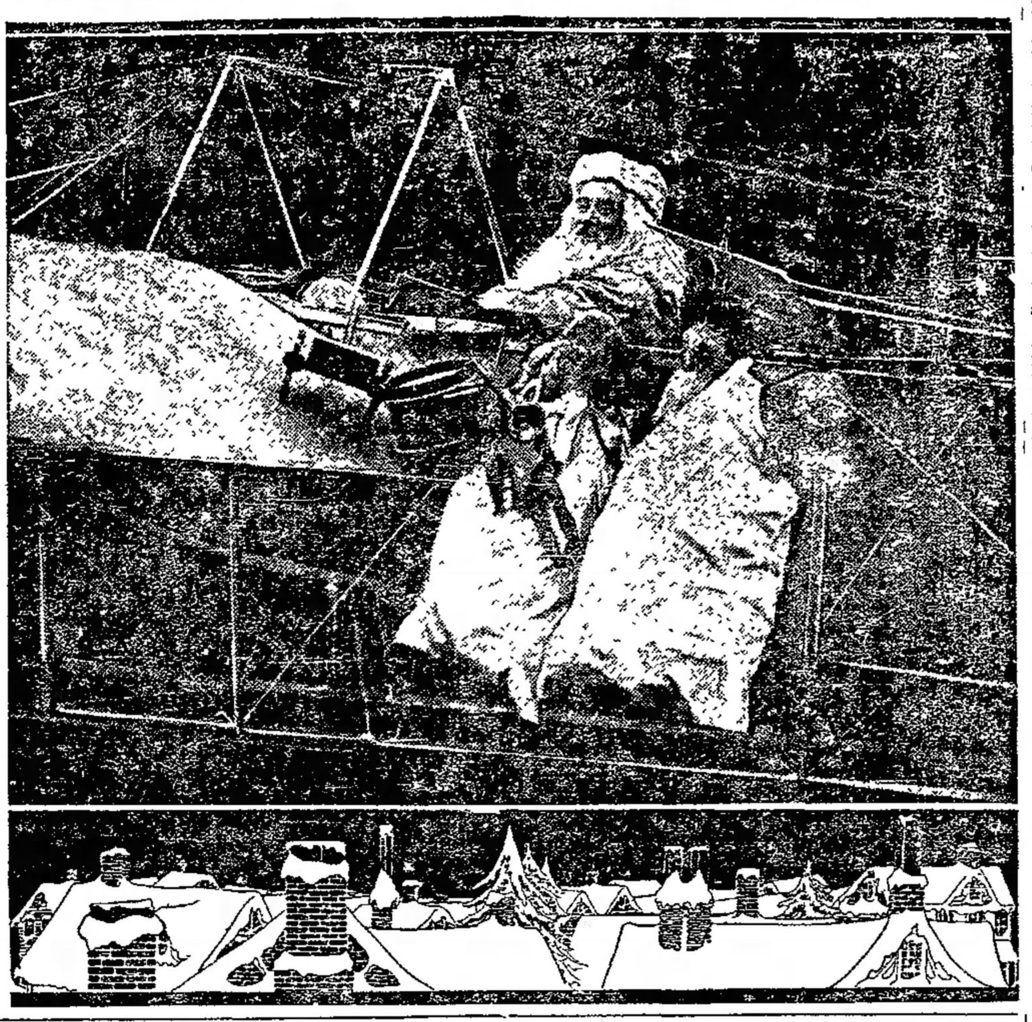
Off for His Annual Visit to Good Little Children



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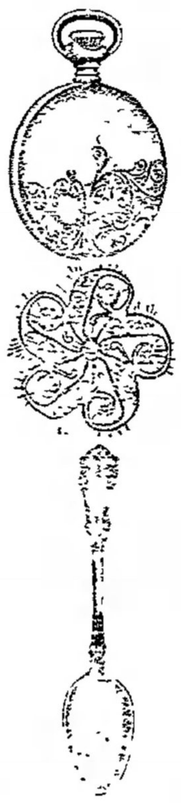

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Caleb's Conversion

By HAZEL OSWALD

IT WAS Christmas eve, and Caleb Churton, the money-lender, sat in his great dining room, surrounded by all that makes for luxurious living.

"So Jack preferred his artist's work to this," he mused, chuckling contemptuously while he half spoke the words.

Ten years before, his elder brother had told their father that he was not cut out for a Shylock, that he preferred to get a living by pleasanter means than his fellow beings' flesh and blood, and had gone out into the world cursed by the father and laughed at by his brother.

It was three years later—and 12 months after he had announced his marriage to a fellow artist's daughter—that old Churton died, leaving all the business to Caleb, and not mentioning Jack Churton by so much as a single word in his will

To do him justice, Caleb had rebelled against this as much as he could, but he had found out that his brother was able to keep his head above water, and, after offering him a share—only to be indignantly refused—Caleb applied himself to the task of doubling his father's wealth.

All these things went through his brain as he sat by his fire Of a sudden a thought struck him

"I will go and parade my wealth before them—will make the wife bitterly envious and Jack sorry that he ever refused me!"

With this amiable intention he rose, ordered his automobile to be brought

out, and was soon whirling toward Jack's home.

Suddenly the auto stopped, and he got out, telling the chauffeur to return in an hour, not longer

"If I am finished before, I can spend the time somehow," he thought

Up the steps of the great apartment he went until he came to a door labeled 42. Then he knocked, and getting no answer, entered very quietly, finding the door not locked

He looked round the tiny hall, and then stepped into the first room.

"Are you Santa Claus?"

The timid little query stopped him in his wanderings, and he looked down to his feet to see a sunny-haired, blue-eyed little mite gravely regarding him.

"But no, you can't be Santa Claus, for he's ever so old, and has got a white beard and a long coat, and a big bag full of toys, and comes down the chimney, and doesn't come till after I've gone to bed, and—and—"

She paused in her list of details for want of breath, and, the first time for many years, Churton laughed heartily.

"You queer little mite," he said, "I'm not Santy. Who are you,"

"I'm Gladys Churton, and I'm not queer. I'm very well, thank you"

"So you are Gladys," he said. "Where are your father and mother"

"They've gone out to buy some things for me, and they told me to be ever so good. They will be back soon."

Churton looked around him It was so pleasant, so happy, evidently, and the home he had left seemed to lack a great deal. He sighed

"What's the matter, strange man?"

"Nothing, dea."

"But there must be something I always go like that when I want a doll, and mamma won't buy it for me. Is your little girl naughty?"

"I haven't got a little girl."

"Poor strange man!" with a clouding of her sunny face. Then, suddenly, "look out, here come mamma and dad! Let's hide"

"All right dear, tell me where"

Hastily she drew him behind a curtain, and followed.

"Where's my girlie?" in a clear, happy voice.

The mite ran out and struggled in her mother's arms.

"You don't know who else is here," she said importantly. "There's a strange man, and—poor dear!—he hasn't got a little girl, and he isn't happy."

She ran back to the curtain and dragged out a somewhat dusty, shamefaced individual.

"I came to see you—felt a bit lonely— Hang it all! Jack, I want a taste of home life, and escape from the eternal accounts. No," as the clear, blue eyes of the baby were fixed on him, "that's a lie. I came here to show off my wealth, and to make you envious; but your little ray of sunshine here took the conceit out of me Hang it, man, take me in, for pity's sake, and let me be human this Christmas-tide. The money can go. I must stay here."

When Churton's man came back, he was told that the master would not be home for some days.

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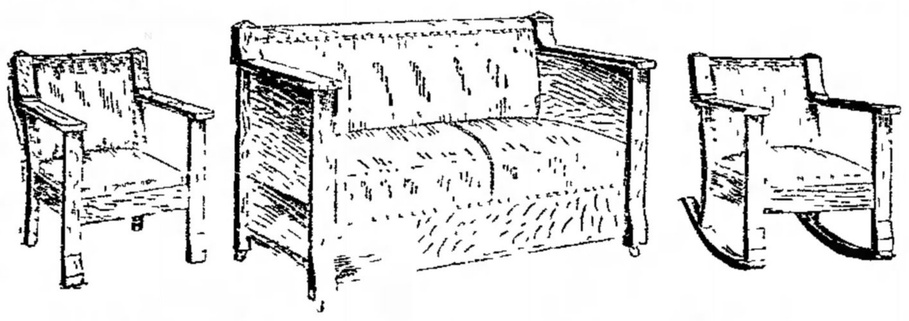

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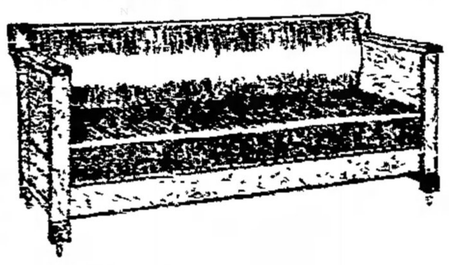

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A Silver Tea Caddy

By SOPHY F. GOULD

SHE was a frail-looking little girl, who had been self-supporting for over three years, since her mother died, and was tired now, as she walked through the street crowded with shopgirls like herself.

Listlessly, in order for a minute to avoid the onrush of hurrying humans, she paused before a shop window where antiques of all kinds were grouped attractively.

There was little in the window to interest a mite of a girl earning a paltry $6 a week, yet of a sudden her eyes, a moment before so tired, lighted excitedly, and a casual observer might have noticed how exquisitely beautiful they were. The tired line of her mouth also relaxed, and hopefully she stepped closer to the plate glass and peered for a long, concentrated moment at a silver tea caddy of quaint design. After a second's hesitation she opened the door and walked bravely into the little shop.

"The tea caddy?" she asked of the woman who greeted her inquiringly "How much is it?"

"The little silver one?" The woman looked her surprise, as she noted the shabby black coat and much-worn skirt. "You wanted to buy it?" she asked kindly, for something in the girl's eyes made her know she was in earnest. "It is $25."

"Twenty-five dollars!" the girl gasped, and as suddenly as it had come the brightness left her eyes "Twenty-five," she repeated. "I'm afraid I could never afford that." She gripped her pay envelope firmly and turning, walked out of the shop.

In her tiny room, as she cooked her meager dinner over the gas plate, and later, when lying wide awake in her narrow bed, she thought of the beautiful tea caddy. She thought until it became a cherished ideal, vested with wonderful scenes among the great people of the world.

The following day she neglected her lunch, and hurried to the shop to once more view the wonderful caddy.

When she entered the woman greeted her warmly, for the expression in her eyes had proved haunting to the woman all the past night.

"Did you really want to buy the caddy?" she asked, as she handed it to the girl, "for if you do—"

"I must buy it," she interrupted, as she took it reverently in her two hands, "but I can't pay the money all at once." She hesitated.

"How much could you pay?" The woman suddenly understood the girl's

need, and a great kindness came to her. "Perhaps we could come to terms."

"I have $2 that I have saved, and I think I can spare 50 cents each week. I only make $6." she added, apologetically.

"Six dollars!" the woman gasped, as the enormity of the girl's project came to her. "You may have it at your own terms," she said impulsively.

"Oh!" For a moment the girl held it to her breast, then she handed the money without regret to the woman.

In the days that followed the woman became very fond of the girl, for she came often to gaze with awe upon the silver caddy of quaint design, and in the short visits the woman learned to know what a difference an ideal can make in a life. In watching the girl's love for the thing that kept her poorer than she need have been the woman found her own life broadening.

On Christmas eve a young man persistently tried to buy the caddy, until the woman finally told him the story of its sale. He listened in wonder, and then asked for the name of the girl, who seemed so great a marvel that he wanted his mother to see and help her

The same evening, after the young man had left, the girl made her final payment, and with a wild joy throbbing in her heart carried the tea caddy home, and with it a beautiful bunch of holly, a festive touch from the woman.

She had pinched hard to save the 50 cents each week, but her reward was great, and worth the happiness the ideal had always given her

It was again Christmas eve, and a dainty woman, wrapped in a soft fur coat, opened the door of the little shop, and with extended hand came to the woman. "Merry Chrismas!" she exclaimed "Don't you remember me?"

In the deep, winsome eyes there was something familiar, and suddenly the woman threw her arms about the girl, and peering over her head espied the man

"We have just been married," he explained "My mother found her for me, and we wanted to come to thank you for what you have done"

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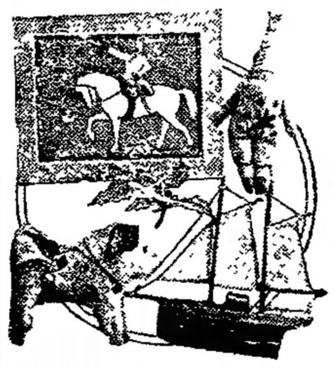

THERE are some toys that can be made at home for the smaller children and they are among those that are most durable and most cherished. Among them are Teddy bears, dogs, elephants, rabbits and kittens made of canton flannel or plush Rag dolls, printed on strong muslin, can be bought ready to be cut out and made at home. The animals are cut by patterns to be had at pattern companies and are stuffed with sawdust Small buttons or beads make their eyes and heavy yarns are employed in outlining the mouth or nose or other details.

A small white dog shown in the picture illustrates how well these toys look. He is furnished with eyes made of little black buttons and ears cut from black cloth. A ribbon carrying a tiny bell is sewed about his neck and he is bedecked with a narrow band of red ribbon about his body, tied in a bow at the side.

A clown doll is shown with the head made of ribbed goods like a stocking top. The body is made of blue cambric and the shoes of red. The tall hat is of red also, and the costume is finished with a ruffle collar of white lace. This doll has eyes made of small black beads with eyebrows and eyelids defined with black yarn. His nose is formed by making a short ridge in the face drawn together by a few stitches. A stitch, in red yarn, forms his mouth and a mustache and whiskers are made of black yarn. By separating the yarn into strands, and sewing it about the head below the cap, an abundance of curly, black hair is simulated. The cap is topped with a tiny bell and red yellow and blue yarns represent buttons and embroidery in his apparel.

Among the new things brought out for this year are pictures to be made by cutting out figures from colored tissue paper and pasting them on a thin paper background. The tissue is placed over an outline picture and the figure wanted drawn in outline with a pencil It is then cut out Different objects are drawn on different colored paper, as trees on green paper, horses on white or brown paper, and other objects on appropriate colors. After all the required figures are cut out, they are pasted on the background.

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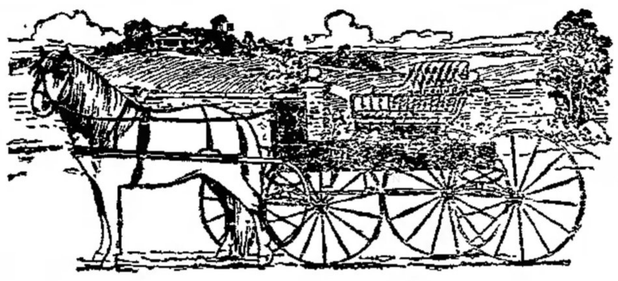

These enterprising business men are giving away to the boy or girl getting the most votes in one of those Popular Perry Pony Outfits, consisting of a Shetland pony, Vehicle and Harness. The merchants whose names are mentioned in this ad, will give out votes for all money received. The child's name is written on these coupon votes and deposited in a sealed ballot box at each store mentioned below. No one knows who the lucky kid is until the votes are counted at the end of the contest. No employe or member of merchants' family will register.

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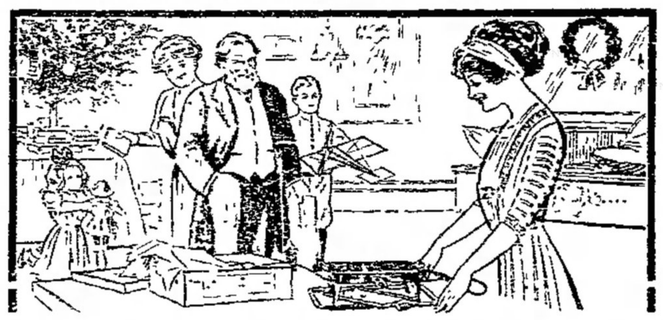

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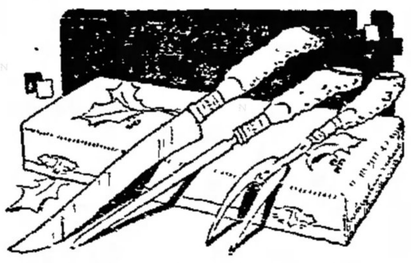

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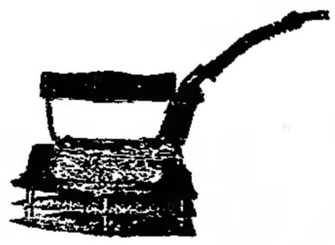

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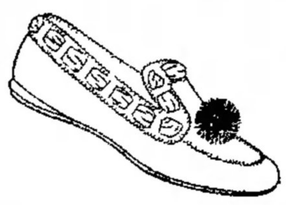

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Santa's Christmas

By MARY D. ARNOTT

LINDENETTE struggled vainly with the tears that squeezed at last through tired eyelids It was not often that the brave little homemaker gave way to grief, but in the present moment she seemed unable to control her emotion

In the next room childish voices prattled joyously Lindenette had not found the heart to tell them that Christmas would have to come and go without the much heralded visit from Santa Claus Since the loss of both parents Lindenette had managed to keep a roof over the heads of her small brother and sister and had provided food for their slight frames What did it matter if her cheeks had lost their roses and her lips their cheery bloom? The smile lingered That was all that mattered.

She brushed her tears aside and arose to answer an unexpected summons from the knocker She looked her surprise at the great man who stood on her tiny porch.

"I have come in search of one Linden Lane," the stranger said with a smile to which the girl responded.

"The name is unusual,' admitted Lindenette, "and my own is even more impossible—being Lindenette Lane May I ask you in from the cold?" She opened the door and Marvin Goodwin entered the pitifully barren room into which she led him. His eyes followed the girl rather than the contents of the room.

Two small, pale faces peered at him from the kitchen door, and Goodwin smiled at them

"Do I look like Santa Claus?" he asked them by way of breaking the ice

"No, you don't;" returned the boy, bluntly. "Besides, Linda says it may be too cold for Santa Claus to come out this year" There was a wail from the little sister, and the boy strove vainly to conceal his disappointment at this announcement.

Linda gave them each a hug and told them to run along When they had gone she turned to Goodwin with inquiry in her eyes.

"My errand is a pleasant one," he said quickly, for his own voice was none too controlled "It will add to your happiness, I know" He drew a memorandum from his pocket, and after consulting it, asked. "Your father, Linden Lane? Did he live in Stillwater, Minn, 22 years ago?"

"Yes," replied Linda, with a flush of excitement lending roses to her cheeks "I was born there"

"Then, to come directly to the point," Goodwin told her, "we find two depos-

its of $25 each in two of our banks there. One Linden J. Lane opened the account 22 years ago."

Linda laughed softly

"My father used always to fear bank failures and put small amounts in many banks." She turned sparkling eyes upon Goodwin "We thought we had collected all his savings," she said.

"These two nests were undiscovered," the man laughed, "and the hens have been laying golden eggs. You have, at this very minute $300—"

"Three hundred dollars! Oh!" she impulsively held out her two toilworn little hands, "it is a fortune! The children! They can have their Santa Claus!"

Goodwin found himself feeling happier than he remembered having felt before Was it the knowledge that he had been the Good Fairy in this small family, or was it something more subtle, more wonderful that had crept into his mind?

He laughed a trifle nervously.

"I am going to ask for immediate payment for the joy I have found for you," he said and when Linda's questioning eyes met his he said impetuously. "Let me come tomorrow—and help make Christmas glad for the children. May I come?"

Linda glanced at him with a new shyness. 'Yes,' she said simply. "If you like I will go with you to help get that Christmas tree."

Next morning Linda and the children were up early

The crackling of the fire as it roared up the stovepipe created a spirit of cheerfulness that greeted Marvin Goodwin when he presented himself at an early hour.

"Oh!" shouted Bobby, 'here's our own Santa Claus!" His eyes were glued to the armful of packages Goodwin deposited on the table

"Bobby!" cried Linda

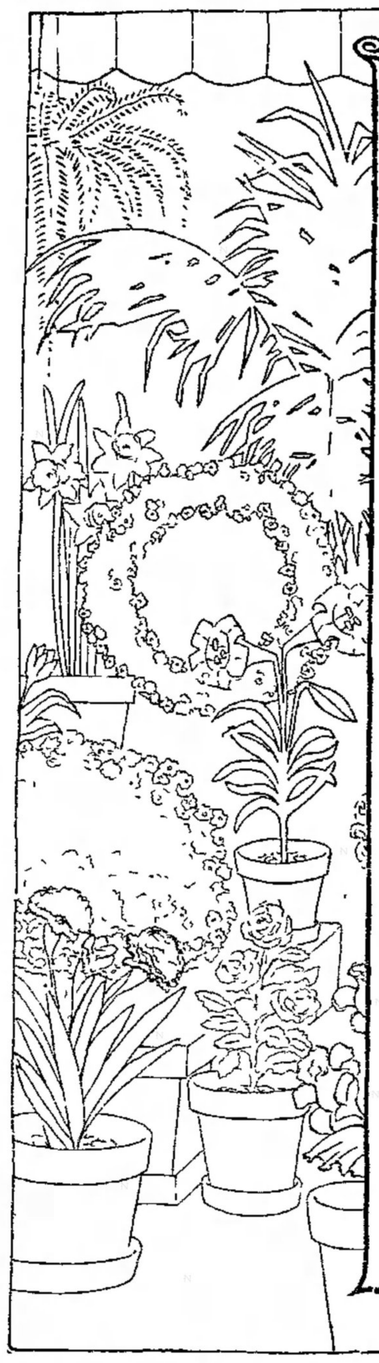
"Haven't you ever been Santa Claus before?" queried Peggy.

"Never' This is my very first experience I hope I will acquit myself with proper dignity"

And Linda's eyes, over the heads of the children, looked down deep into Goodwin's big soul, and unconsciously she let the man read what her heart was saying

"Next Christmas," he was saying in his mind 'Linda will have permanent roses in her cheeks and her eyes will be mine, and that will be all the happiness one Santa Claus could have."

Lindenette smiled.



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Plenty of Proof

By O. F. WOODRUFF

TEDDY sat upon the top step of the stairs that led to the street and rested his chin in the palm of his hand. Some of the fellows came along and hullooed to him, but Teddy didn't answer. He didn't want to play with the fellows just now, for he was battling with a great sorrow.

Tom had said it, so it must be true, for Tom was eight years old and didn't have to go to bed until 8 o'clock. Teddy's hour for retiring was half past 7, and he realized that the extra half hour made a man of the world out of Tom, while it left the unfortunate Teddy still a baby.

Tom had stuck his hands into his pockets—Tom's trousers were lovely and rough, just like his father's—and had swaggered around telling all the fellows that there wasn't any Santa Claus! When questioned further, he had said that there used to be, but that this year there wasn't going to be, and there never would be again.

No Santa Claus! If Teddy hadn't been six years old, he might have cried, but of course one as old as he never cried.

Teddy wondered if he'd better tell his mother. He decided he wouldn't. Why should his mother, whom he loved so dearly, be made to suffer any longer than was necessary?

It was hard, though, during the next two weeks, which seemed like years, not to tell, and when Christmas eve came and his mother gayly brought out his biggest pair of stockings and

hung them up at the end of the mantel he could hardly keep back the tears. How disappointed he and his mother would be when they got up in the morning and found the stockings empty! She leaned over and kissed him tenderly. "Are you tired, dear?" she asked. "You don't seem as happy as usual!"

Teddy assured her, as well as he was able for the lump in his throat, that he was perfectly well. His mother, like the wise one that she was, didn't press the question. She merely drew up her low rocking chair and sat beside the bed until she thought Teddy was asleep and then she crept quietly down stairs.

Teddy lay for a long time after she went, watching the firelight flicker on the walls. He couldn't go to sleep and besides what was the use, when there wasn't anything to wake up for? A good many tears rolled out of the corners of his eyes; but he didn't care now.

He must have lain there for about four or ten hours, he thought, and had just shut his eyes to rest them from the light, when he heard a sound, a very little bit of a sound. He sat up quickly in bed and listened eagerly, because it sounded, it really did sound, as if it might be sleighbells. In a minute, he didn't know just how, he was leaning out of the window.

He didn't feel as if he had walked there at all, but more as if he had just skimmed along without any effort on his part, as if he had been some sort of delightful fish bird. He leaned away out of the window, not feeling a bit afraid of falling, and looked down upon the street.

Yes, down there on the street, as plain as day, he could see the reindeer shaking their long horns and prancing until the bells that seemed almost to cover them filled the air with their musical jingle. And then there was a gleam of red. Somebody was climbing into the sleigh! There was the echo

of a jovial voice calling, the horns of the reindeer quivered joyfully, their little feet pawed the ground, then the whole turnout seemed to leap into the air, and like a flash was gone!

Teddy rubbed his eyes. It was funny! He thought he was at the window, but here he was in bed.

He sat up and looked around the room. The fire in the grate had gone out, but the gray light of the morning was beginning to steal through the curtains. Teddy slid out of bed and crept softly to the fireplace.

The stockings were bulging in all directions, as had been their exhilarating wont in other years! He put out his hand and touched one of them gently. It was no dream! The stocking was full to overflowing!

With a little sighing, whispering wheeze of joy and relief Teddy clasped his hands until the knuckles showed as white as the snow outside. Then with a cry of absolute delight he dashed into his mother's room.

She opened a pair of sleepy eyes at the sound of the pattering little feet. Teddy threw himself upon her, laughing and sobbing.

"Oh, mother, mother, mother!" he cried. "He come after all! Santa Claus did come! Santa Claus did come! He did, he did, he did!"—Chicago Daily News.

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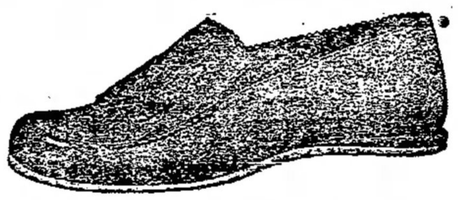

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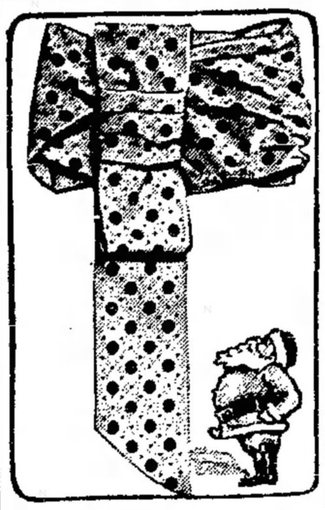
A girdle of wide plaid ribbon, finished with a sprightly bow of two loops and two ends, is shown in the picture. It makes a Christmas gift that will delight every woman who likes to keep abreast with the mode. The girdle portion is boned to spread the ribbon and hold it in place without pins. The bow is simply tied and may be untied and the length wrapped about the figure if preferred.



A sash of dotted satin ribbon, designed for a party gown, may be used as a model for making up any of the soft fancy ribbons, suited to dressy wear. It requires ribbon about four or five inches wide, of which three lengths are sewed together to form the girdle. This is boned at the sides and back to hold it in place and fastened in the back with hooks and eyes. Over the fastening a flat bow of three loops and one end is placed with the loops lying lengthwise on the figure.

Narrow ribbons are sewed together to form wide girdles and ribbons of moderate width are bordered with black velvet ribbon, from an inch to two inches wide. The flowered Dresdens and rich, brightly colored brocades are very effectively bordered in this way. Sometimes narrow shaded or flowered ribbons are joined by means of narrow velvet ribbons, a half inch in width. The edges of the velvet ribbon overlap those of the satin ribbon and are machine stitched down. Girdles made in this way are fastened with hooks and eyes and the fastening concealed by flat bows of two loops without ends.

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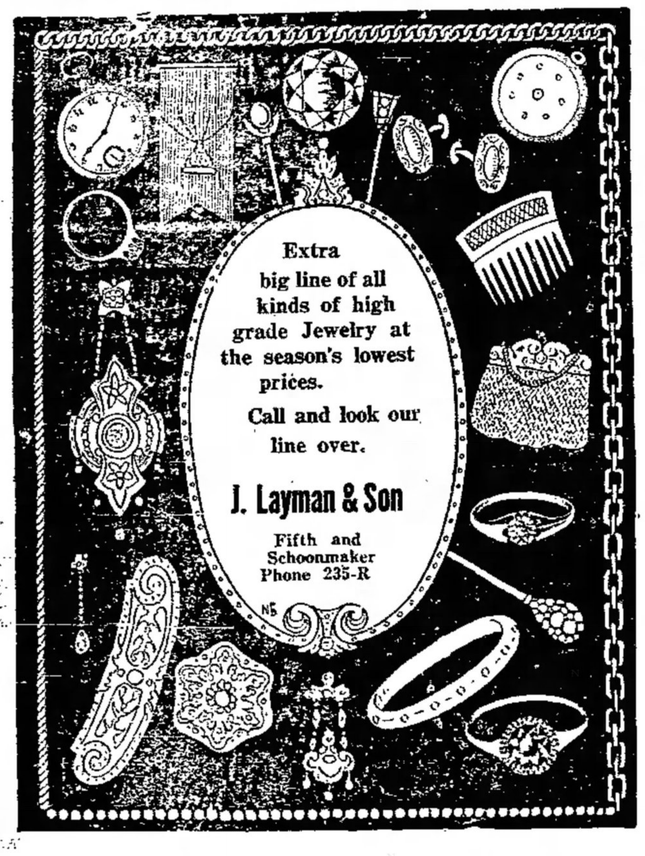
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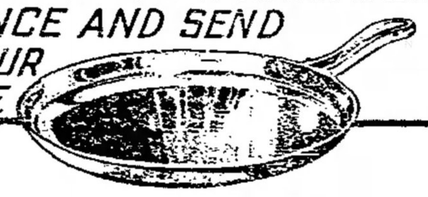

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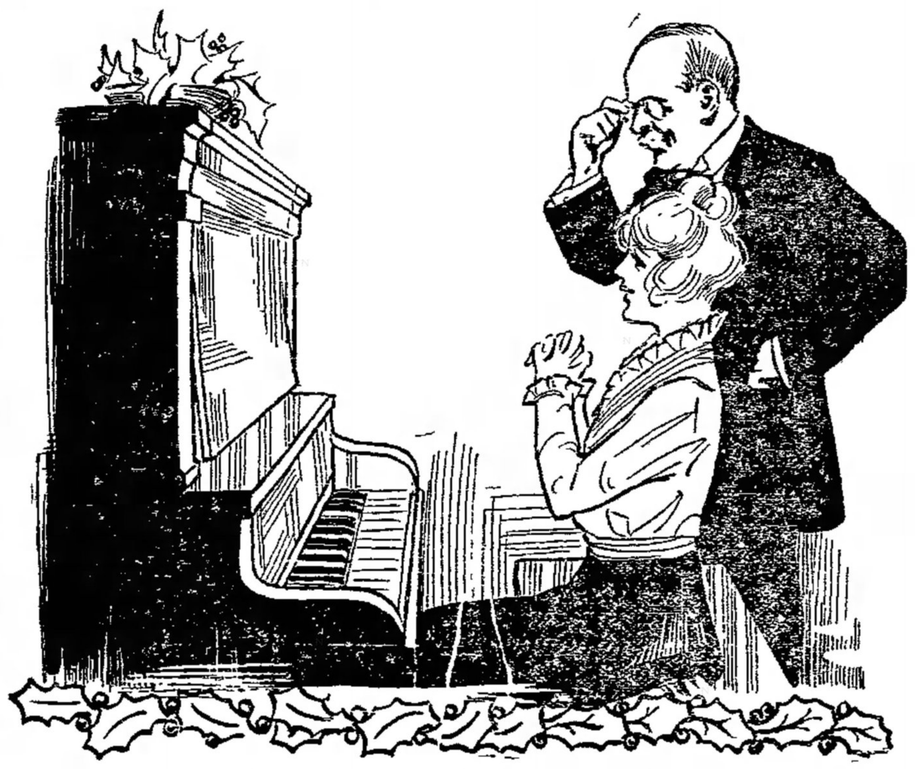

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Simpson's Christmas

By KENNETH RAND

OOLS!" said Mr Simpson. "Idiots!" he added "Even if they are my own relatives!" he supplemented with a dogged shake of his partially bald head

The souvenir postal card which called forth his opprobrious language had just arrived.

"Look at this, will you?"

He turned the card over in his fingers,.

"'Peace on earth, good will to men!'" Mr Simpson read the inscription. Then he turned it over.

"'We want you with us day after tomorrow for a good, old-fashioned family reunion around the festal Christmas board!'" he read in three lines of handwriting on the other side of the card

"There you are!" he exclaimed wrathfully. "There you are, doggone it!"

He waved the card violently around in the air at arm s length as he continued muttering

"They send you one of these paper doilies from a madhouse dining room," went on Mr Simpson to the listening walls of the room of which he was the only occupant—"with 'Peace on earth, good will to men' on one side, and on the other an invitation to take a six-hour trip out into the slushy country for a rotten meal with a gang of people who drive me crazy at the thought of being related to, every time I see 'em."

"Here I am," he said, regretfully shaking his head over his hard lot in life, "here I am, planning that I ll be comfortable for at least one Christmas, anyway Family away in Florida for the winter, me here all alone, to do just as I like—and now along comes this—this summons to spend a day being miserable!'

Suddenly Mr Simpson sat up straight in his chair.

"By jerry!" he ejaculated suddenly. "By jerry—what's to hinder me from being the martyr in the cause? What's to prevent me from putting an end to this dad dinged practice—huh?

"Suppose I don't go to this Christmas reunion? Suppose I stay home here and enjoy my day of peace on earth in the way I want to? What will happen?

"Why, next year there won't be a single, solitary soul of my relations that will get together in an affair of this kind I'll have pointed the way—I'll be the example they've been waiting to follow away from custom—and, by jerry, I'll bet you the thing will spread, too!

"And I'll be responsible for it!" added Mr. Simpson joyously—"if I

stay away, just this once, from this Christmas party I've been invited to!

"And think of the good I'm doing to other people, too!" he added. "How grateful the public will be to me for pointing out the way to their own release from this idiotic custom of sacrificing themselves!

"Why, I shouldn't wonder if there would be a statue erected to me as the first man who stayed away from a family reunion at this holiday! I can see it now labeled 'The People's Santa Claus—He Gave Us What We Wanted Most for Christmas!'"

And so, in pleasant reflection upon the perfection of his plan as he had carried it out, Mr. Simpson's thoughts ran until Christmas morning

It was Mr Simpson's idea to eat his Christmas dinner, ordered in from a nearby restaurant, in the solitude of his own home, bare as it was of his family.

At one o'clock the waiter brought in the heavy tray Mr Simpson superintended the arrangement of its contents on the table in the dining room.

And it was just one-fifteen, as he stood rubbing his hands at the prospect of eating alone on Christmas for the first time in his life—when the doorbell rang

"Doggone it!" burst out Mr. Simpson. "What's that?"

For a moment he decided not to open the door Then he changed his mind and went downstairs, two at a time. It might be some bad news from his absent family

He threw open the portal—and staggered back into the hall.

And after him trooped a gayly shouting and laughing party of sixteen —Mr Simpson's relatives!

"We came to eat our Christmas dinner here!" cried one of his aunts

"You poor man—we knew you'd be all alone!" guessed a first cousin

"We didn't want you to eat your Christmas dinner all by yourself," chortled another female relation, "so we brought ours here in baskets to eat with you!"

Mr Simpson looked over the crowd still streaming into his front hall His lips parted in glee as he led the way to the dining room

But all he said, unintelligibly to his unexpected guests, was,

"Well, I guess they won't put up that statue of me as Santa Claus this year!"

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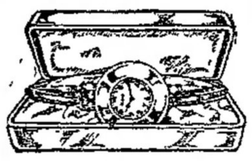

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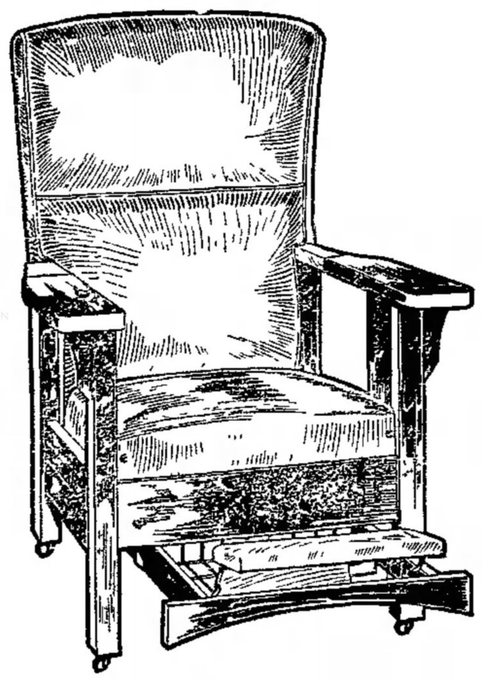

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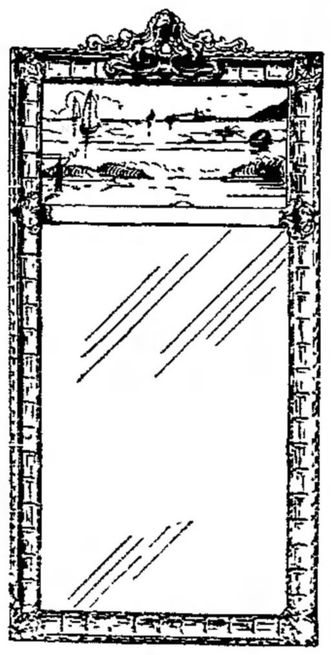

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SANTA CLAUS AND LITTLE BILLEE

(continued from first page)

your papa's name," he said

"Yes, I do," said Little Billee indignantly. "His name is Mr. Harrison, and he owns a bank."

"Splendid! Made of tin, I suppose, with a nice little hole at the top to drop pennies into?" said Santa Claus.

"No, it ain't, either!" retorted Little Billee. "It's made of stone, and has more than a million windows in it. I went down there with my mamma to papa's office the other day, so I guess I ought to know."

"Well, I should say so," said Santa Claus. "Nobody better. By the way, Billee, what does your mamma call your papa? 'Billee,' like you?" he added.

"Oh, no, indeed," returned Little Billee. "She calls him papa, except once in a while when he's going away, and then she says, 'Good-by, Tom'"

"Fine again!" said Santa Claus, blowing upon his fingers, for, now that the sun had completely disappeared over in the west, it was getting very cold "Thomas Harrison, banker," he muttered to himself. "What, with the telephone book and the city directory, I guess we can find our way home with Little Billee."

He led the little fellow into a public telephone station, where he eagerly scanned the names in the book. At last last it was found—"Thomas Harrison, seven six five four Plaza." And then, in the seclusion of the telephone booth, Santa Claus sent the gladdest of all Christmas messages over the wire to two distracted parents:

"I have found your boy wandering in the street He is safe, and I will bring him home right away."

Fifteen minutes later, there might have been seen the strange spectacle of a footsore Santa Claus leading a sleepy little boy up Fifth avenue to a cross street, which shall be nameless. The boy vainly endeavored to persuade his companion to "come in and meet mamma."

"No, Billee," the old man replied sadly, "I must hurry back You see, kiddie, this is my busy day"

But it was not to be as Santa Claus willed, for Little Billee's papa, and his mamma, and his brothers and sisters, and the butler and the housemaids were waiting at the front door when they arrived

Led by Little Billee's persistent father, Santa Claus went into the house. Now that the boy could see him in the full glare of many electric lights, his furs did not seem the most gorgeous things in the world. When the flapping front of his red jacket flew open, the child was surprised to see how ragged was the thin gray coat it covered; and as for the good old saint's comfortable stomach—strange to say, it was not!

"I—I wish you all a merry Christmas," faltered Santa Claus; "but I really must be going, sir—"

"Nonsense!" cried Mr. Harrison. "Not until you have got rid of this chill, and—"

"I can't stay, sir," said Santa. "I'll lose my job if I do"

"Well, what if you do? I'll give you a better one," said the banker.

"I can't—I can't!" faltered the man. "I—I—I've got a Little Billee of my own at home waitin' for me, sir. If I hadn't," he added fiercely, "do you suppose I'd be doin' this?" He pointed at the painted boards, and shuddered.

"I guess Santa Claus is tired, papa," said Little Billee, snuggling up closely to the old fellow and taking hold of his hand sympathetically. "He's been walkin' a lot today."

"Yes my son," said Mr. Harrison gravely. "These are very busy times for Santa Claus, and I guess that, as he still has a hard night ahead of him, James had better ring up Henry and tell him to bring the car around right away, so that we may take him back—to his little boy. We'll have to lend him a fur coat, to keep the wind off, too, for it is a bitter night."

"Oh," said Little Billee, "I haven't told you about these boards he wears. He has 'em to keep the wind off, and they're fine, papa!" Little Billee pointed to the two sign boards which Santa Claus had leaned against the wall. "He says he uses 'em on cold nights," the lad went on. "They have writing on 'em, too. Do you know what it says?"

"Yes," said Mr. Harrison, glancing at the boards "It says 'If You Want a Good Christmas Dinner for a Quarter, Go to Smithson's Cafe.'"

Little Billee roared with laughter.

"Papa's trying to fool me, just as you did when you pretended not to know where I lived, Santa Claus," he said, looking up into the old fellow's face, his own countenance brimming over with mirth. "You mustn't think he can't read, though," the lad added hastily. "He's only joking"

"Oh, no, indeed, I shouldn't have thought that," replied Santa Claus, smiling through his tears.

"I've been joking, have I" said Little Billee's papa. "Well then, Mr Billiam, suppose you inform me what it says."

"'Merry Christmas to Everybody,'" said Little Billee proudly. "I couldn't read it myself, but he told me what it said. He has it printed there so that if he misses saying it to anybody, they'll know he means it just the same"

"By Jove, Mr. Santa Claus," cried Little Billee's papa, grasping the old man warmly by the hand, "I owe you ten million apologies! I haven't believed in you for many a long year; but now, sir, I take it all back. You do exist, and, by the great horn spoon, you are the real thing!"

Little Billee had the satisfaction of acting as host to Santa Claus at a good, luscious dinner, which Santa Claus must have enjoyed very much. After dinner Henry came with the automobile, and, bidding everybody good night, Santa Claus and Little Billee's papa went out of the house together.

Christmas morning dawned, and Little Billee awoke from wonderful dreams of rich gifts, and of extraordinary adventures with his new-found friend, to find the reality quite as splendid as the dream things.

As for Santa Claus, Little Billee has not seen him again; but down at his father's bank there is a new messenger, named John, who has a voice so like Santa Claus' voice that whenever Little Billee goes down there in the motor to ride home at night with his papa, he runs into the bank and has a long talk with him, just for the pleasure of pretending that it is Santa Claus he is talking to.

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